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ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS CANADA 1917

Masonic Calendar

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it ANNO LUCIS (A.L.), "in the year of light."

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel ANNO INVENTIONIS (A. INV.), "in the year of the discovery."

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A. Dep.), "in the year of the deposit."

Scottish Rite same as Ancient Craft, except that Jewish chronology is used, ANNO MUNDI (A. M.), "in the year of the world."

Knights Templars commence their era from the organization of their Order. ANNO ORDINIS (A. O.), "in the year of the Order."

Rules for Masonic Dates

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS—
Add 4000 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1917 and 4000 = 5917.

ROYAL ARCH—
Add 530 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1917 and 530 = 2447.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—
Add 1000 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1917 and 1000 = 2917.

SCOTTISH RITE—
Add 3760 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1917 and 3760 = 5677.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS—
From the vulgar era take 1119. Thus: 1119 from 1917 = 798.

Arthur S. Gorrell, M.D., Regina, Sask.

M. Ex. Grand First Principal Z.

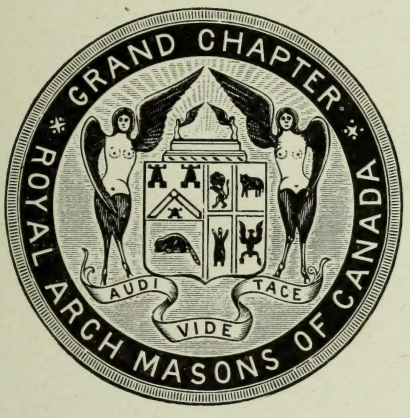
Proceedings of the

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada

At an Emergent Convocation held in the City of Toronto, Ontario, Tuesday, September 12th, A. D. 1916, A. L. 5916, A. I. 2446, and at the

Fifty-Ninth Annual Convocation

A. D. 1917



A. I. 2447

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Held in

The Masonic Hall, Temple Building
City of Toronto, Ontario

Wednesday, February 28th, A. D. 1917, A. L. 5917, A. I. 2447

Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved

A. S. Gorrell, M.D., Regina, Sask.
Grand Z.

Henry T. Smith, Toronto, Ont.
Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS

AT AN EMERGENT CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA, HELD IN THE MASONIC HALL, TEMPLE BUILDING, CITY OF TORONTO, TUESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A.D. 1916, A.I. 2446.

PRESENT.

M. Ex. Comp.	W. S. R. Murch	Grand Z.	Grand Council.
M. " "	D. F. Macwatt	as Grand H.	
R. " "	W. N. Ponton	Grand J.	
R. " "	Henry T. Smith	Grand Scribe E.	
R. " "	Bernard Cairns	Grand Scribe N.	
M. " "	George Moore	Grand Treasurer.	
R. " "	J. McC. Potts	as Grand Principal Sojourner.	
R. " "	H. S. Griffin	as Grand Registrar.	
R. " "	J. W. Rogers	as Grand Senior Sojourner.	
R. " "	Geo. McLeish	as Grand Junior Sojourner.	
R. " "	J. B. Nixon	Grand Lecturer.	
V. " "	W. J. Wadsworth	Grand Sword Bearer.	
R. " "	W. S. Ormiston	as Grand Master of 1st Veil.	
" "	J. J. Shelley	as Grand Master of 2nd Veil.	
" "	G. L. Gardiner	as Grand Master of 3rd Veil.	
" "	J. E. Riddell	as Grand Master of 4th Veil.	
" "	A. L. Tinker	as Grand Standard Bearer.	
" "	J. E. L. Goodwill	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.	
" "	D. J. Proctor	as Grand Organist.	
" "	S. P. Ward	as Grand Pursuivant.	
" "	W. H. Tudhope	as Grand Steward.	
" "	J. E. Francis	as Grand Steward.	
" "	R. Mills	as Grand Steward.	
" "	A. Armstrong	as Grand Steward.	
" "	H. Axton	as Grand Steward.	
" "	H. Eversfield	as Grand Steward.	
" "	R. J. Gaylord	as Grand Steward.	
V. " "	G. H. Lanigan	as Grand Steward.	
" "	Wm. Porteous	as Grand Steward.	
" "	W. A. Lyon	as Grand Steward.	

together with a large number of First, Second and Third Principals and Past Principals, members of Grand Chapter hailing from the several Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction.

A Constitutional number of Chapters being represented, Grand Chapter was opened in AMPLE FORM at 2 o'clock p.m.

R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, acting Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, presented the following report :

The Committee on Credentials at the Emergent Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, Temple Building, City of Toronto, Tuesday, September 12th, 1916, reported that there were 174 warranted Chapters on the roll of Grand Chapter, of which number 12 were represented by their duly qualified officers, and with 47 Past Principals, members of Grand Chapter present, made 59 the total number of names registered.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

C. W. Haentschel,
Acting Chairman.

On motion of M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, the report of the Committee on Credentials was received and adopted.

The Grand Scribe E. read the Summons calling the Emergent Convocation, which stated, that it was convened for the purpose of receiving a report from M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch of his recent visit to the Western Chapters, and also to take into consideration the sanctioning of the agreement of adjustment entered into between him, as Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, with M. Ex. Comp. F. S. Watson, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

A letter of regret, for inability to be present, owing to military duties, was received from the Grand Second Principal, R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, Regina, Sask.

The M. Ex. the Grand Z. then presented a verbal report as to his visit in the Western Provinces and especially to the Chapters in the Province of Alberta, after which the Grand Scribe E. read a letter of apology from the Grand Chapter of Alberta, as well as the agreement of adjustment, which had been entered into between the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada and the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

After a full discussion it was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore :

That having read the report presented by the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada respecting the attitude of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, showing :

1. That the Companions of Alberta were misled as to the opinions of the Grand Chapter of Canada in connection with unexpressed desires of the Province of Alberta to form a Grand Chapter in that Province.

2. That the Companions of Alberta never requested separation from the Grand Chapter of Canada.

3. That the majority of Chapters in said Province of Alberta were desirous of retaining their allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Canada.

4. That having learned the facts in connection with their separation and formation of a Grand Chapter in the Province of Alberta, and having expressed their regrets, as a Grand Chapter, for their action,

Therefore be it resolved, that this, the Grand Chapter of Canada, accept the agreement of adjustment presented by Committees appointed by the Grand First Principals of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and hereby declare that the difficulty existing between the Grand Chapter of Canada and the Grand Chapter of Alberta be now harmoniously adjusted, and the Grand Chapter of Alberta be recognized and received as a Grand Chapter by the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The following amendment to the motion was moved by M. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed, that :

The Grand Chapter of Alberta be forthwith recognized, as an independent Grand Body, on having expressed its regret, because it had not made a request for its formation and that the Grand First Principal be requested to establish fraternal relationship with the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Upon the amendment and motion being put to a vote the motion was declared carried.

It was then moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, that

The Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, do express and record upon the Minutes of this Emergent Convocation, their deep sense of appreciation of the assiduous and devoted labors of the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal, W. S. R. Murch, in connection with the Alberta difficulties, now happily ended, and they desire to pay a warm tribute to his unselfish sacrifice of

time and energy, and to his untiring efforts in the cause of Capitular Masonry in conciliating the differences causing misunderstandings, and bringing about harmony and concord.

The business for which the Emergent Convocation was summoned having been completed, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form.

Henry J. Smith,

Grand Scribe E.

Toronto, September 12th, 1916.

PROCEEDINGS

At the Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, Held in the Masonic Hall, Temple Building, City of Toronto, Wednesday, February 28th, A.D. 1917, A.I. 2447.

PRESENT.

M. Ex. Comp.	W. S. R. Murch	Grand Z.	Grand Council.
R. " "	A. S. Gorrell	Grand H.	
R. " "	W. N. Ponton	Grand J.	
R. " "	Henry T. Smith	Grand Scribe E.	
R. " "	Bernard Cairns	Grand Scribe N.	
M. " "	George Moore	Grand Treasurer.	
R. " "	A. G. Horwood	as Grand Principal Sojourner.	
R. " "	John B. Brennan	Grand Registrar.	
" "	R. S. Cotton	as Grand Senior Sojourner.	
" "	D. Colman	as Grand Junior Sojourner.	
R. " "	J. B. Nixon	Grand Lecturer.	
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"	E. R. Bowles	as Grand Organist.	
" "	David J. Proctor	as Grand Pursuivant.	
" "	W. G. Price	as Grand Steward.	
" "	Edwin Smith	as Grand Steward.	
" "	R. J. Gaylord	as Grand Steward.	
" "	R. C. Douglas	as Grand Steward.	
" "	E. C. Coath	as Grand Steward.	
" "	S. P. Ward	as Grand Steward.	
" "	J. J. Hall	as Grand Steward.	
" "	E. J. Everett	as Grand Steward.	
" "	F. D. Hunt	as Grand Steward.	
" "	John Conley	as Grand Steward.	

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. Ex. Comp.	D. R. McDiarmid	St. Clair	Dist.	No.	1
R. " "	O. S. Clark	London	"	"	2
R. " "	F. S. Blain	Wilson	"	"	3
R. " "	E. Still	Wellington	"	"	4
R. " "	J. F. Mercer	Hamilton	"	"	5
R. " "	W. F. Gallow	Huron	"	"	6
R. " "	F. W. Swannell	Niagara	"	"	7
R. " "	J. W. Rogers	Toronto	"	"	8
R. " "	W. H. Brown	Georgian	"	"	9
R. " "	A. L. Stein	St. Lawrence	"	"	12
R. " "	J. C. Scott	Ottawa	"	"	13
R. " "	R. H. Clarke	Saskatchewan W.	"	"	19b

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in AMPLE FORM at 10 o'clock a.m.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. Ex. Comp. D. H. McIntosh, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and proxies from Chapters, reported that there were 166 Warranted Chapters and 1 under dispensation on the roll of Grand Chapter, of which number 112 were represented by the following Companions :

No. 1. *Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, Kingston.*
Ex. Comps. J. B. Phillips, Z. ; W. C. Crozier, H. ; R. Ex. Comps. W. T. Connell, W. Y. Mills, M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, P.Z.'s.

No. 2. *The Hiram, Hamilton.*
Ex. Comps. D. W. Evans, Z. ; W. H. Bates, V. Ex. Comps. Fred Staunton, G. H. Lanigan, R. Ex. Comp. Frank Hills, M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, P.Z.'s.

No. 3. *St. John's, London.*
Ex. Comps. W. R. Bishop, G. R. Tambling, R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood (Proxy), P.Z.'s.

No. 4. *St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. W. G. Price, Z. ; E. Lankin, J. ; T. B. Cole, V. Ex. Comps. James Glanville, Joseph King, R. Ex. Comps. R. W. Clewlo, J. W. Rogers, T. J. D. R. Dewar, Henry T. Smith, P.Z.'s.

No. 5. *St. George's, London.*
Ex. Comps. Edwin Smith, Z. ; Geo. E. Logan, P.Z.

No. 6. *St. John's, Hamilton.*
Ex. Comp. S. S. Forbes, H. ; V. Ex. Comps. H. A. MacKay, George H. Britton, R. Ex. Comps. James F. Mercer, Wm. Birrell, M. Ex. Comp. W. G. Reid, P.Z.'s.

No. 7. *The Moira, Belleville.*
Ex. Comps. J. O. R. McCurdy, Z. ; Wm. Thompson, R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, P.Z.'s.

No. 8. *King Solomon's, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. A. L. Tinker, Z. ; Wm. E. Logan, H. ; F. D. Hunt, J. ; L. E. Bowerman, W. H. Woodstock, C. H. B. Johnston, Wm. Porteous, V. Ex. Comps. A. H. Lougheed,

W. A. Lyon, R. Ex. Comps. E. M. Carleton, E. T. Malone, J. B. Nixon, P.Z.'s.

No. 15. *Wawanosh, Sarnia.*
Ex. Comps. W. Carter, Z. ; E. J. Everett, R. Ex. Comps. O. S. Clark, John Boyd, P.Z.'s.

No. 16. *Carleton, Ottawa.*
Ex. Comp. C. H. B. Sievers, Z. ; R. Ex. Comps. J. C. Scott, Wm. Rea, P.Z.'s.

No. 18. *Oxford, Woodstock.*
Ex. Comp. R. D. Montgomery, Z.

No. 19. *Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.*
Ex. Comp. Geo. H. Smith, Z. ; R. Ex. Comp. A. N. Lindsay, P.Z.

No. 20. *Mount Horeb, Brantford.*
Ex. Comps. G. A. Woodside, Z. ; Wm. Wylie, A. Campbell, R. Ex. Comp. F. S. Blain, P.Z.'s.

No. 23. *Ezra, Simcoe.*
Ex. Comps. J. H. Shaw (proxy), R. E. Gunton, P.Z.'s.

No. 24. *Tecumseh, Stratford.*
Ex. Comps. E. Denroche, Z. ; C. Farquharson, F. A. Copus, P.Z.'s.

No. 26. *St. Mark's, Trenton.*
Ex. Comp. J. B. Little, Z. ; R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, P.Z.

No. 27. *Manitou, Collingwood.*
Ex. Comps. R. Hughes (proxy), W. Whipps, P.Z.'s.

No. 29. *McCallum, Dunnville.*
Ex. Comps. G. E. McGuire, Z. ; W. T. Congdon, R. Ex. Comp. G. E. Parkes, P.Z.'s.

No. 30. *Huron, Goderich.*
Ex. Comp. A. Lawson, R. Ex. Comps. J. Beck, W. F. Gallow, P.Z.'s.

No. 31. *Prince Edward, Picton.*
Ex. Comps. E. A. Pearce, Z. ; S. B. Gearing, C. S. McGillivray, R. Ex. Comps. H. W. Welbanks, R. E. Wright, W. L. Armitage, P.Z.'s.

No. 32. *Waterloo, Galt.*
Ex. Comps. R. S. Hamilton, T. F. Campbell, R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Cowan (proxy), P.Z.'s.

No. 34. *Signet, Barrie.*
R. Ex. Comps. A. Cowan (proxy), M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, P.Z.'s.

No. 35. *Keystone, Whitby.*
Ex. Comps. Fred Gale, H. ; F. G. Erskine, J. ; W. M. Van Valkenburg, P.Z.

No. 36. *Corinthian, Peterborough.*
Ex. Comps. F. W. Trebilcock, Z. ; J. E. L. Goodwill, R. S. Cotton, P.Z.'s.

No. 37. *Victoria, Port Hope.*
R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Sanders (proxy), P.Z.

No. 40. *Guelph, Guelph.*
Ex. Comps. T. C. Rundle, Z. ; J. F. Marr, R. Ex. Comp. W. G. Stephenson, P.Z.'s.

No. 41. *Harris, Ingersoll.*
Ex. Comps. W. A. Sutherland, Z. ; J. L. Revell, P.Z.

No. 44. *Mount Sinai, Napanee.*
R. Ex. Comp. J. G. Fennell (proxy), P.Z.

No. 45. *Excelsior, Colborne.*
Ex. Comp. J. T. Gordon, Z. ; R. Ex. Comp. G. M. Peebles, P.Z.

No. 47. *Wellington, Chatham.*
Ex. Comps. J. C. Stewart, Z. ; A. M. Burtch, J.

No. 52. *Prince Rupert, Winnipeg.*
Ex. Comp. F. W. Brownell (proxy), P.Z.

No. 53. *Bruce, Petrolia.*
Ex. Comp. R. W. Knowles, Z.

No. 54. *Palestine, St. Thomas.*
Ex. Comps. H. Mortin, Z. ; T. L. Cochran, W. C. Forbes, N. W. Ford, P.Z.'s.

No. 55. *Niagara, Niagara.*
R. Ex. Comp. F. J. McClelland (proxy), P.Z.

No. 57. *King Hiram, Port Colborne.*
Ex. Comp. C. D. Winn (proxy), P.Z.

No. 58. *Pembroke, Mattawa.*
R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel (proxy), P.Z.

No. 59. *Sussex, Brockville.*
R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Stein (proxy), P.Z.

No. 60. *Doric, Newmarket.*
Ex. Comps. H. E. Whyte, Z. ; G. Topper, H. ; E. O. Hill, N. L. Rogers, P.Z.'s.

No. 62. *York, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. Wm. C. Norman, Z. ; E. C. Coath, J. Ward, R. Lennox, J. J. Madden, A. J. Brown, V. Ex. Comp. D. Robertson, R. Ex. Comps. G. McLeish, R. W. Hull, R. J. Gibson, P.Z.'s.

No. 63. *Havelock, Kincardine.*
Ex. Comp. Wm. Hay, Z.

No. 64. *Willson, Welland.*
Ex. Comps. J. J. Hall, Z. ; J. C. Gothard, H. ; R. C. Douglas, P.Z.

No. 65. *St. Paul's, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. G. H. D. Lee, R. J. Reade, R. Ex. Comps. K. J. Dunstan, B. Allen, E. B. Brown, W. J. McCollum, M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, P.Z.'s.

No. 67. *Enterprise, Harriston.*
Ex. Comps. M. W. Yeo, Z. ; W. A. Glenney, E. W. Lambert, P.Z.'s.

No. 69. *Grimsby, Grimsby.*
Ex. Comp. James A. Wray, Z.

No. 70. *Grand River, Bracebridge.*
Ex. Comp. F. M. Johnson, Z. ; R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Brown, P.Z.

No. 72. *Keystone, Stirling.*
R. Ex. Comp. J. McC. Potts (proxy), P.Z.

No. 73. *Erie, Ridgetown.*
Ex. Comp. D. L. Mitton, Z. ; R. Ex. Comp. D. R. McDiarmid, P.Z.

No. 74. *Beaver, Strathroy.*
Ex. Comp. John Nunn, Z.

No. 75. *St. Clair, Milton.*
Ex. Comps. A. Armstrong, Z. ; J. W. Elliot, V. Ex. Comp. S. R. Bews, R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Panton, P.Z.'s.

No. 76. *Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls.*
Ex. Comp. C. W. Anderson, R. Ex. Comp. F. W. Swannell, (proxy), P.Z.'s.

No. 77. *Occident, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. G. W. Graham, Z. ; J. Russell, J. ; T. B. Wells, D. J. Proctor, R. Falconer, W. B. Stoneham, V. Ex. Comp. L. H. Luke, R. Ex. Comps. A. G. Horwood, J. W. Hickson, E. J. Repath, G. K. Clemens, P.Z.'s.

No. 79. *Orient, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. R. J. Gaylord, Z. ; G. F. Weston, J. Poulton, S. P. Ward, R. Ex. Comp. G. B. Foster, P.Z.'s.

No. 80. *Ark, Windsor.*
Ex. Comps. Ross R. Fleury, Z. ; A. E. Edgar, R. Ex. Comp. M. B. Squire, P.Z.'s.

No. 81. *Aylmer, Aylmer.*
Ex. Comp. R. B. McKenney, Z.

No. 82. *Shuniah, Port Arthur.*
Ex. Comp. A. P. Freed (proxy), P.Z.

No. 83. *Ionic, Orangeville.*
Ex. Comps. A. E. Annis, Z. ; J. H. Hulse, J. E. Smith, V. Ex. Comp. R. H. Robinson, R. Ex. Comp. E. Still, P.Z.'s.

No. 86. *MacPherson, Meaford.*
Ex. Comps. Geo. H. Hair (proxy), James Sparling, P.Z.'s.

No. 88. *MacNabb, Dresden.*
Ex. Comp. W. T. Jeffs, J.

No. 90. *Golden, Kenora.*
R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith (proxy).

No. 91. *Antiquity, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. E. J. Luttrell, Z.; W. J. Armstrong, J.; P. K. Perry, H. S. McHenry, R. Ex. Comps. W. S. Milne, J. J. Hoidge, G. G. Rowe, P.Z.'s.

No. 94. *Midland, Lindsay.*
R. Ex. Comp. J. J. McMahon (proxy), P.Z.

No. 98. *Vancouver, Vancouver.*
R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton (proxy).

No. 99. *Keystone, Portage la Prairie.*
R. Ex. Comp. F. L. Newman (proxy), P.Z.

No. 100. *St. Lawrence, Brockville.*
Ex. Comp. W. H. Mowat (proxy), P.Z.

No. 102. *Algonquin, Sault Ste. Marie.*
Ex. Comps. W. W. Climie, Z. ; A. J. Parker, P.Z.

No. 103. *St. John's, North Bay.*
Ex. Comp. B. F. Nott, Z.

No. 104. *White Oak, Oakville.*
Ex. Comp. J. R. Kendall, Z. ; V. Ex. Comp. W. H. Morden, P.Z.

No. 112. *St. John's, Morrisburg.*
Ex. Comps. F. B. Robertson, Z. ; W. C. Davy, G. M. Gorrell, P.Z.'s.

No. 113. *Covenant, Cornwall.*
Ex. Comp. H. Williams (proxy), P.Z.

No. 114. *Bonnechere, Renfrew.*
Ex. Comps. J. Conley, Z. ; W. M. H. Quartermain, J.

No. 116. *Maple, Carleton Place.*
R. Ex. Comp. D. H. McIntosh, Z.

No. 117. *Kitchener, Kitchener.*
Ex. Comps. J. A. Hallman, Z. ; G. DeKleinhans, R. Ex. Comps. J. H. Walker, H. M. Cook, P.Z.'s.

No. 119. *King Cyrus, Leamington.*
Ex. Comp. L. N. Malott, Z.

No. 121. *Wascana, Regina.*
Ex. Comp. F. B. Reilly (proxy), R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, P.Z.

No. 122. *Rossland, Rossland.*
Ex. Comp. W. S. Rugh (proxy), P.Z.

No. 123. *Nelson, Nelson.*
M. Ex. Comp. George Moore (proxy).

No. 124. *Westminster, New Westminster.*
R. Ex. Comp. Benjamin Allen (proxy).

No. 125. *Rocky Mountain, Cranbrook.*
M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt (proxy).

No. 127. *Keystone, Nanaimo.*
R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Gibson (proxy).

No. 130. *Chantry, Southampton.*
Ex. Comp. R. B. Hillmer (proxy), P.Z.

No. 133. *St. Francis, Smith's Falls.*
Ex. Comp. M. Lavell, Z.

No. 135. *Succoth, Uxbridge.*
Ex. Comps. W. Gordon, Z. ; D. A. Turner, H. ; H. W. Linke, V. Ex. Comp. V. M. Hare, R. Ex. Comp. W. S. Ormiston, P.Z.'s.

No. 138. *Shekinah, Toronto.*
V. Ex. Comp. W. J. Wadsworth (proxy), P.Z.

No. 139. *St. Andrew's, Havelock.*
Ex. Comp. A. Primrose (proxy), P.Z.

No. 143. *Glengarry, Maxville.*
Ex. Comp. J. W. Smillie, Z.

No. 145. *The St. Patrick, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. W. R. Ledger, H. ; T. H. Graham, J. J. Shelley, V. Ex. Comp. J. A. Cowan, R. Ex. Comp. B. Cairns, P.Z.'s.

No. 146. *Bernard, Listowel.*
Ex. Comp. J. Watson, Z. ; R. Ex. Comp. D. D. Campbell, P.Z.

No. 150. *London, London.*
Ex. Comps. R. Syme, Z. ; W. Lancaster, L. A. Boss, U. A. Buchner, P.Z.'s.

No. 152. *Alberton, Fort Francis.*
R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood (proxy).

No. 155. *Ancaster, Ancaster.*
Ex. Comps. T. G. Anderson, Z. ; J. H. Bates, P.Z.

No. 160. *Prince Albert, Prince Albert.*
R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell (proxy).

No. 162. *Moose Jaw, Moose Jaw.*
R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Clarke (proxy), P.Z.

No. 163. *The Beaches, Toronto.*
Ex. Comps. J. L. Curran, Z. ; D. D. Grierson, G. L. Gardiner, H. Hardy, R. J. W. Barker, V. Ex. Comps. J. McCurrah, C. Clark, P.Z.'s.

No. 165. *Saskatoon, Saskatoon.*
Ex. Comp. T. L. Cochran (proxy).

No. 168. *Ionic, Campbellford.*
Ex. Comp. D. F. Robertson (proxy), P.Z.

No. 169. *Temiskaming, New Liskeard.*
Ex. Comp. J. Taylor, Z.

No. 173. *Weyburn, Weyburn.*
Ex. Comp. W. R. Bishop (proxy).

No. 175. *The Hamilton, Hamilton.*
Ex. Comps. W. H. Davis, G. R. Lloyd, R. Ex. Comps. H. S. Griffin, W. H. Ballard (proxy), P.Z.'s.

No. 178. *Kaien, Prince Rupert.*

M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch (proxy).

No. 180. *Estevan, Estevan.*
R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin (proxy).

No. 181. *Battleford, Battleford.*
R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Rogers (proxy).

No. 182. *Camosun, Victoria.*
M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt (proxy).

No. 185. *Toronto, Toronto.*
Ex. Comp. D. Colman, R. Ex. Comps. J. B. Brennan, R. W. Brennan, P.Z.'s.

No. 190. *Pacific, Vancouver.*
Ex. Comp. A. J. Brown (proxy).

No. 191. *North Vancouver, North Vancouver.*
R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon (proxy).

No. 192. *Trinity, Melville.*
Ex. Comp. H. Morton, P.Z.

No. 193. *Govan, Govan.*
Ex. Comp. C. H. Wray (proxy), P.Z.

No. 194. *Orient, Moosomin.*
R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer (proxy), P.Z.

No. 198. *Couchiching, Orillia.*
Ex. Comps. P. S. Rombough (proxy), W. H. Bennett, P.Z.'s

No. 203. *Cobalt, Cobalt.*
Ex. Comp. R. LeHeup, Z.

No. 205. *Victoria, Thornhill.*
Ex. Comps. J. B. McLean, Z. ; J. E. Francis, E. A. James, P.Z.'s.

No. 207. *King George, Yorkton.*
Ex. Comp. G. R. Tambling (proxy).

No. 209. *Humboldt, Humboldt.*
Ex. Comp. A. E. Logan (proxy).

Sixty Chapters were represented by regular officers, 44 were represented by proxy, 8 were represented by Companions, making the total Chapters represented 112. Fifty-five Chapters were unrepresented. There were 281 delegates registered, making a total of 521 votes.

Fraternally submitted,
D. H. McIntosh,
C. W. Haentschel,
R. W. Clewlo,
Committee.

On motion of R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. D. H. McIntosh, the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. Ex. the Grand Z. announced that all Royal Arch Masons in good standing and properly vouched for would now be admitted as visitors during the sessions of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Scribe N. read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during the Convocation.

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the proceedings of the Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation, held in the City of Toronto Wednesday, February 23rd, 1916, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, and seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, and

Resolved,—That as the proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held February 23rd, 1916, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same be now confirmed.

The Grand Scribe E. then read the minutes of an Emergent Convocation of Grand Chapter, held in the City of Toronto, Tuesday, September 12th, 1916, convened for the purpose of receiving a report from M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch of his visit to the Western Chapters, and also to take into consideration the sanctioning of the adjustment entered into between him, as Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, with M. Ex. Comp. F. S. Watson, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, and seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, and

Resolved,—That the minutes of the Emergent Convocation, held Tuesday, September 12th, 1916, in the City of Toronto, be confirmed as read.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Ex. Comp. A. L. Tinker, on behalf of the Toronto Chapters, read the following address of welcome, which was acknowledged in suitable terms by the M. Ex. the Grand Z. :

"To William S. R. Murch,
Grand First Principal,
Grand Chapter of Canada.

Most Excellent Sir,

The Companions of the City of Toronto desire to avail themselves of the opportunity, before the business of this the Fifty-ninth

Convocation of Grand Chapter of Canada is commenced, to express to you, and to the Officers of Grand Chapter, their appreciation of the fact that this Grand Body is convened once more in this City, under your rulership, and accompanied with the usual conditions of comfort and safety, notwithstanding the unparalleled world struggle for National liberty in which we, as a people, are now engaged. Wherever Grand Chapter meets hereafter, it is believed that this is the last occasion on which it will meet in this hall, a place that will, no doubt, be associated with many pleasant memories, even if it has never been strictly our Masonic home.

When you, Most Excellent Sir, came amongst us as Grand Third Principal, most of the Companions of this City knew you only by reputation, but as you advanced, and finally assumed the high office which you now occupy, they had more frequent opportunities of becoming acquainted with you.

During your two years as Grand First Principal, you have been untiring in your efforts on behalf of this most important branch of Free Masonry, and owing to your diplomatic handling, what looked like a serious problem, affecting our organization, was smoothed out, leaving not a crease behind. You have given freely of your time and talents and you have endeared yourself to every Companion of this City, and indeed, to every Companion of the whole jurisdiction.

Our earnest wish is, that this Convocation may be the most successful and harmonious in the history of Grand Chapter ; that you, Most Excellent Sir, and the Companions who are not residents of this City, may enjoy such hospitality as it affords, and that you, Sir, may for many years to come, be a conspicuous figure in the Council of this Grand Body.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Companions of the City of Toronto, by the undersigned First Principals of the Toronto Chapters.

Toronto, February 28th, 1917.

WALTER G. PRICE, St. Andrew & St. John, No. 4.
A. L. TINKER, King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8.
W. C. NORMAN, York Chapter, No. 62.
E. W. E. SAUNDERS, St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65.
GEO. W. GRAHAM, Occident Chapter, No. 77.
ROBT. J. GAYLORD, Orient Chapter, No. 79.
E. J. LUTTRELL, Antiquity Chapter, No. 91.
L. G. SMITH, Shekinah Chapter, No. 138.
WM. J. TOW, The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145.
J. L. CURRAN, The Beaches Chapter, No. 163.
H. ELLIS, Toronto Chapter, No. 185."

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, introduced R. Ex. Comp. J. Wm. Prouse, of Buffalo, N.Y., Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, and R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Stanton, M.D., of Webster, N.Y., Representative of the Grand Chapter

of Canada, near the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, who received a most cordial welcome from the M. Ex. the Grand Z., and were accorded Grand Honors. The distinguished visitors acknowledged in appropriate terms the greetings extended to them.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The M. Ex. the Grand Z. directed the Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of representatives of sister Grand Chapters when he greeted them, and invited those in attendance to seats on the dais. The following answered to their names :

R. Ex.	Comp.	William Rea	Alabama.
R. "	"	R. W. Clewlo	District of Columbia.
R. "	"	James H. Cowan	Florida.
R. "	"	W. N. Ponton	Georgia.
M. "	"	William G. Reid	Illinois.
R. "	"	C. W. Postlethwaite	Iowa.
R. "	"	Henry T. Smith	Kentucky.
R. "	"	Benjamin Allen	Maine.
R. "	"	Oliver Ellwood	Minnesota.
R. "	"	A. G. Horwood	Missouri.
R. "	"	R. H. Spencer	Nebraska.
R. "	"	W. H. Mowat	Nevada.
M. "	"	W. S. R. Murch	New Hampshire.
R. "	"	K. J. Dunstan	New Jersey.
R. "	"	Walter T. Connell	New Zealand.
R. "	"	R. W. Brennan	North Carolina.
M. "	"	George Moore	Nova Scotia.
V. "	"	Hugh A. MacKay	Ohio.
R. "	"	Edward Worth	Oklahoma.
M. "	"	F. W. Harcourt	Oregon.
R. "	"	H. S. Griffin, M.D.	Pennsylvania.
M. "	"	D. F. Macwatt	Scotland.
R. "	"	E. T. Malone	Texas.
R. "	"	A. S. Gorrell, M.D.	Utah.
R. "	"	J. B. Nixon	Vermont.
R. "	"	Wm. Panton	Western Australia.
R. "	"	Alexander Cowan	West Virginia.

Grand Honors having been accorded the representatives, and suitable response having been made by M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, representing Scotland, on behalf of his colleagues, Grand Chapter was called to order, when the M. Ex. the Grand Z. presented the following :

THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS.

Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

I am again permitted, at the close of another Royal Craft year, of this Grand Body, to bid you welcome to our Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation. Since we met last year the fearful war conflict, in which the British Empire is engaged, has raged with unabated fury. Our great Dominion has increased its active military forces to four hundred thousand men, a war loan of over two hundred million dollars has been over-subscribed, millions have been given for charitable purposes, and the citizens of this loyal Canadian British City of Toronto subscribed in a four days' campaign three and one-third millions of dollars for Red Cross and charitable work. While other parts of the world are suffering, the G.A.O.T.U. has kept the people of this country from hunger, want and distress.

Governor-General.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who had been Governor-General of Canada for close on six years, and Her Royal Highness the Duchess and the Princess Patricia, returned to England after endearing themselves to all classes of this Dominion. In November, 1916, His Grace, the Duke of Devonshire landed at Halifax to assume the duties of Governor-General of Canada laid down by the Duke of Connaught, and like His Royal Highness, has not thought it derogatory to his dignity to sit within the sound of the gavel. I am sure that every Royal Craftsman of this Grand Chapter joins with me in assuring the Duke of Devonshire of our loyalty to the Constitutional Rulers of our Empire and wishing that his term as Governor-General will be fraught with great good to our beloved country and of special benefit to the Empire.

Peace and Harmony.

I am deeply grateful, and I am sure every Companion of this Grand Chapter is pleased and satisfied that peace prevails in this Jurisdiction among Royal

Arch Masons, that the difficulty with the Grand Chapter of Alberta has been amicably adjusted, and fraternal relations established.

Chapters Withdrawn.

Since the adjustment the following Chapters have withdrawn from this Grand Body and joined the Grand Chapter of Alberta :

Alberta, Calgary ; North Star, Edmonton ; Assiniboia, Medicine Hat ; Golden West, High River ; Bekah, Macleod ; Otuskwan, Calgary ; Keystone, Red Deer ; Capital City, Edmonton ; Vermilion, Vermilion ; Hillvue, Hillcrest ; Mount Olivet, Killam ; Norwood, Edmonton.

Chapters Remaining.

Following are the Chapters remaining with the Grand Chapter of Canada :

Shekinah, No. 158, Lethbridge ; Kether, No. 177, Pincher Creek ; Tau Cross, No. 201, Claresholm.

Wishing Return of Old Warrants.

In respect to the agreement of settlement the Chapters going over to the Grand Chapter of Alberta have taken their paraphernalia, moneys, etc., returning to the Grand Chapter of Canada their warrants and seals. Several of the Chapters have requested they would like to have their warrants returned so that they could treasure them as a reminder of the good feeling which had existed between them and the Grand Chapter of Canada. I would recommend to this Grand Body that when a Chapter makes this request it be granted and the Warrant returned marked "Cancelled."

Moral Duty.

I also feel that a moral duty rests on this Grand Body and that the Chapters now joining with the Grand Chapter of Alberta should not go in empty handed and that this Grand Chapter should pay to the Grand Chapter of Alberta one thousand dollars, say five hunderd dollars at the end of 1917 and five hundred dollars at the close of 1918.

Suspended Companions Should Be Restored.

It is only right, as the following Companions' names were published as suspended from this Grand Chapter, that we now restore them and extend to them the right hand of Companionship and recommend them to all the Royal Craft for fraternal greetings :—

R.Ex. Comp. Stephen Y. Taylor,
" " J. N. Rankin,
" " S. E. Cornell,
" " J. H. Argue,
" " A. W. R. Markley,
V.Ex. " Melvin M. Downey,
Ex. " J. M. Empey,
" " G. J. Davis,
" " V. A. Bowes,
" " T. F. English,
" " Arch. West,
" " F. S. Watson,
" " T. C. Bruce,
" " G. Allen,
" " J. S. Lambert,
" " D. L. Murison,
" " A. H. Spurr,
" " A. R. Yates,
" " T. H. Irvine,
" " J. E. Johnson,
" " F. R. Jelfs,
" " Peter A. Walker,
" " D. G. Campbell,
" " Robert Patterson,
" " E. D. H. Wilkins.

Appreciation of Efforts.

In the settlement of this difficulty I wish to express my deep appreciation to M. Ex. Comp. F. S. Watson for his efforts to bring about peace and to him in a great measure is due the happy ending of the trouble in Alberta. I also wish to express my thanks to his Committee, R. Ex. Comps. M. M. Downey, J. E. Johnson, and Ex. Comp. W. F. W. Lent for their service and kindness to me.

To the work done by R. Ex. Comps. W. M. Connacher, D. C. Robertson and H. C. Taylor rests in a great measure the healing of the regrettable estrangement among the Companions in Alberta. This Grand Chapter owes a debt of gratitude to them. I shall never forget their kindness, their assistance and their unswerving loyalty to me in assisting to bring about peace and goodwill.

I wish to thank the Grand High Priests, Grand Representatives and Companions from different Jurisdictions for the kind letters and words of encouragement I received in the happy adjustment of the Alberta difficulty, but I must say that M. Ex. Comp. F. S. Watson, Grand First Principal, of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, is just as much entitled to the same praise as myself.

Invitations and Fraternal Greetings.

I received several invitations which I regret I was unable to accept, two of which I cannot pass without reference.

From Ark Chapter, Windsor, I received a telegram to be present at a Convocation of the Chapter on Monday evening, November 27th, 1916. On account of a Chapter of Instruction being held in Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, Kingston, on that date I was unable to attend and on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Canada extended fraternal greetings. May these invitations continue to be given—carrying with them—the links of Brotherhood and Peace.

In December last I received an invitation from R. Ex. Comp. William Stanton, M.D., Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, near the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, to be present February 6th in Albany at the Annual Convocation of that Grand Body. I first wrote the R. Ex. Companion that I was unable to give a definite reply until the middle of January. Before that date I received two more letters. one from the Grand Representative and one from M. Ex. Comp. Jared A. Reed, Grand High Priest, couched in beautiful terms and extending fraternal greetings to this

Grand Body, which I now present. I regret I was unable to attend the Annual Convocation of the State of New York, owing to business necessities. Next to being your Grand Z., I do not know of anything that would have given me so much pleasure. In your name I extended the fraternal greetings of the Grand Chapter of Canada and on February 6th I sent the following telegram :

"Kingston, Feb. 6th, 1917.

"Jared A. Reed, Esq.,

"Grand High Priest Grand Chapter, State of New York, Albany.

"On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Canada I send Fraternal Greetings. May the Most High guide you in all your proceedings and the Counsels who direct the affairs of your Great Republic at this particular time.

W. S. R. Murch, G.Z."

I also extended fraternal greetings and congratulations to M. Ex. Comp. G. S. Scott, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, who is our Grand Representative near that Grand Body. I thanked him for the fraternal greetings from his Grand Chapter.

Membership.

The continued increase of membership in this jurisdiction of the Royal Craft is still maintained, but the large withdrawal of members, consequent upon the Alberta adjustment, slightly reduces the total membership. The report of the Grand Scribe E. will show the actual condition of the Royal Craft up to the end of last year.

Finances.

Notwithstanding the eventful period we are passing through our finances are in a fairly good condition, but it will be necessary for us to increase the per capita to 35 cents, so that Grand Chapter can be in a position to safely meet all its demands, and carry on its affairs on a business basis.

The Revision.

Last year in my address I commented upon the Revision of "The Work," and suggested certain changes, and Grand Chapter adopted my suggestions. I am glad to inform the Companions of Grand Chapter that the revised instructions, as issued from the Grand Scribe E's office, have met with commendation, not only from the Grand Superintendents but from the officers generally of the Subordinate Chapters throughout the entire Jurisdiction.

Dispensations for New Chapters.

The proper documents having been laid before me asking for new Chapters, I directed such to be issued to the following :

Humboldt Chapter, Humboldt, Sask.
Shaunavon Chapter, Shaunavon, Sask.
Kitchener Chapter, Russell, Ont.

A number of other dispensations were issued, but they were for qualifying Principals, as well as for changing the dates of Convocations for the installation and investiture of the officers in subordinate Chapters.

Appointments.

Vacancies in the representation of other Grand Bodies having occurred I recommended the following Companions, which were approved :

Indiana—John Stevenson, Stratford.
Pennsylvania—H. S. Griffin, M.D., Hamilton.
Scotland—D. F. Macwatt, Sarnia.

A vacancy having occurred in the representation of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, the following recommendation was approved :—

James Conway Heighway, Sydney.

R. Ex. Comp. Garnet Coombs, Grand Superintendent, Saskatchewan, District No. 19a, having enlisted for Active Overseas Service in the month of June last, and having resigned his office as Grand Superintendent, I asked R. Ex. Comp. R. Blackwood of Saskatoon, to continue the duties of the office for the balance of the year, which he kindly consented to do.

Rulings.

1.—A Chapter desired to know the proper way of wearing the apron and sash by the Principals of Subordinate Chapters.

I informed the Scribe E., that the Principals should be clothed as Royal Arch Masons, that is, wearing sash and apron. The robes are worn over the sash and apron and the collars and jewels of office of the Principals worn outside the robes.

2.—In a telegram received it was stated that the Second Principal of a Chapter had been transferred from a Western to an Eastern City, and the wish expressed to secure a dispensation to make him a First Principal one year in advance of his occupying that position.

The Chapter was informed that the Constitution did not give me the power to issue a dispensation to make the Ex. Companion, who was a Second Principal, a First Principal, one year in advance of being qualified for the position.

3.—A Companion had been elected to the position of Third Principal, but had refused to come forward for installation when requested.

I directed that if the Third Principal-elect refused to come forward for installation, after being requested by the First Principal, then the First Principal could order another election.

4.—I was asked for an interpretation of a clause in the By-laws of a Chapter which read as follows :—

"Should any member allow his dues to fall in arrears for twelve (12) months he shall be notified to that effect by Scribe E., who shall read out his name at the first regular Convocation thereafter."

It appeared a Companion of the Chapter had paid all dues to December 31st, 1914, and he contended that he would not be twelve months in arrears until the end of December, 1916. He further contended, that as the dues of the Chapter were $5.00 per annum they were not owing till the end of 1915, and that he would not be in arrears twelve months until the end of 1916.

I decided that the Companion having paid his dues to December 31st, 1914, he would not be one year in arrears until December 31st, 1916.

5.—A Chapter asked to be allowed to take its warrant and regalia from the place in which it is located and hold what it termed a "Field Day" in another Town some distance away.

I refused to grant the request.

The Final Awakening.

"Is death the last sleep?" "No, it is the last and final awakening," says Walter Scott.

Many Companions during the past year answered the demands of time and have passed to their reward. Though our earthly intercourse with them has ceased, yet we trust their final awakening has been one of bliss.

R. Ex. Comp. Donald McPhie, of Hamilton, a Past Grand Superintendent of the Hamilton District, as well as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, near the Grand Chapter of Canada, died in the month of August last. Comp. McPhie was born near Dumbarton, Scotland, and served his time as plumber with the great shipbuilding firm of Denny Brothers. He came to Hamilton in 1860, when 24 years of age, and was in business as a plumber in that city for many years. He was also an Alderman of Hamilton for some years. Subsequently he gave up business as plumber and became Inspector of Gas and Electric Light for the Hamilton District. He resigned from that position a few years before his death. He was a Past District Deputy Grand Master of Hamilton District, and a member of all the higher degrees of Masonry, being a member of the Supreme Council of the 33rd degree. He was in his early days a most devoted member of our Royal Craft.

R. Ex. Comp. Hon. James Kirkpatrick Kerr, of Toronto, an Honorary Past Grand Third Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, near the Grand Chapter of Canada, died December 4th, 1916. He was called to the bar in 1862, was created a Queen's Counsel on the recommendation of the Ontario Govern-

ment in 1874, and a Queen's Counsel by the Marquis of Lorne in 1881. In 1879 he became a Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada. He was for 13 years a prominent Liberal member of the Senate of Canada, and for one Parliament its speaker. R. Ex. Comp. Kerr was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1875, and held that office until 1877. He was a Past Provincial Prior of the Sovereign Great Priory of Knights Templar in Canada, a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Supreme Council, 33rd degree of Canada, and of the Supreme Council of England. He received from the late King Edward VII., when the latter was Prince of Wales and Grand Master of Knights Templars, the Distinguished Order of the Grand Cross of the Temple.

A funeral service for the late R. Ex. Companion was held in St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, December 7th, and his remains were interred in St. James' Cemetery. M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt represented, at my request, Grand Chapter, at the funeral service.

R. Ex. Comp. George W. Bruce, of Collingwood, Past Grand Superintendent of Georgian District in 1908, who held military rank as a Lieutenant-Colonel, died through the effect of an accident in the month of April last. He at one time took a very active interest in Capitular Masonry at Collingwood.

V. Ex. Comp. Andrew Hill, of Edmonton, Alberta, and subsequently of Markdale, Ont., a Grand Steward of the Grand Chapter of Canada for 1916, perished at Goldore, Northern Ontario, during the great holocaust which swept over that part of the country last summer. Mrs. Hill in a reply to a letter of sympathy from the Grand Scribe E., says :—"If it was not for the hope held out to us of a life beyond and a final reunion with those we love the loss of our dear ones would be unbearable."

Other Companions have passed to their Reward, and although their labors are not commented on by me, yet their good deeds doubtless have left impressions on those with whom they associated, which will not hurriedly pass away.

Honor Roll.

In this year's Proceedings will appear, as last year, the names of Companions who have been reported to the Grand Scribe E.'s office as having enlisted for Active Overseas Service, and among them will be found the names of those who have paid the "Supreme Sacrifice" in fighting for an ideal which we trust at no distant date will prove to be victorious for our Empire and its Allies.

Fraternal Dead of American Jurisdictions.

Grand Jurisdictions in the United States during the past year have lost by death many distinguished Companions. The following are the names of those whose death we have been fraternally notified :

Alabama—John Beverly Christian, P.G.H.P.

Arkansas—Caleb H. Stone, P.G.H.P.

California—William Abraham Davies, P.G.H.P., William Alexander January, P.G.H.P., George Hays Monroe, P.G.H.P., Samuel Hopkins Wagener, P.G.H.P.

Colorado—Christopher C. Gird, P.G.H.P., William Wallace Roller, P.G.H.P.

Georgia—William Alexander Wolihin, Grand Secretary.

Illinois—Robert L. McKinlay. P.G.H.P.

Iowa—William Fiske Cleveland, P.G.H.P., Clinton Sollace Fletcher, P.G.H.P., Alfred Wingate, Grand Secretary Emeritus.

Kansas—William Mitchell Shaver, Past Grand Secretary, Augustus Ogden Wellman, P.G.H.P.

Kentucky—Henry S. Adams, Grand Master of the Third Veil.

Maryland—John James Foble, P.G.H.P.

Minnesota—Dwight Major Baldwin, P.G. King, William A. Hawkins, P.G.H.P., Ralph Day Webb, Grand Treasurer.

Montana—Richard H. Wearing, P.G.H.P.

Nebraska—Charles W. Kaley, P.G.H.P.

North Carolina—John C. Drewry, P.G.H.P., Edwin Gladmon, Grand Principal Sojourner, Harry Gibbons Smallbones, P.G.H.P.

Ohio—Edward H. Archer, P.G.H.P., George D. McBride, P.G.H.P.

Pennsylvania—Stockton Bates, Grand Secretary, George Washington Kendrick, Jr., P.G.H.P.

South Carolina—Charles Frank Jackson, Grand Treasurer, Rev. William Pinckney Smith, Grand Chaplain.

Tennessee—Caswell A. Goodloe, P.G.H.P.

Texas—Benjamin Franklin Frymier, P.G.H.P.

Vermont—Marsh Olin Perkins, P.G.H.P.

Virginia—John Robert Charleton, Grand King; Edward Smith Conrad, P.G.H.P.

My Visit to the West.

As well known by this Grand Body I availed myself of the privilege of visiting the Western Provinces in respect to the motion moved by M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, and seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, and which was unanimously adopted by Grand Chapter.

I left Kingston June 7th, 1916, by the Canadian Pacific Railway, arriving in Winnipeg June 9th. A joint meeting of Prince Rupert Chapter, No. 52, and Connaught Chapter, No. 187, was held. No work was presented, but the several changes respecting the work were exemplified. There was a large attendance of Companions, many of whom were from a distance The welcome and reception accorded me as the Grand First Principal, by the Companions of Winnipeg, as well as the expression of their feelings so beautifully manifested in the handsome presentation made to Mrs. Murch and myself, will cause the visit to that city to be remembered by me as long as life shall last.

On the afternoon, of June 11th, I left Winnipeg, arriving in Brandon on the 12th. A meeting was held and the Most Excellent Master and Holy Royal Arch Degrees were conferred in an impressive manner. Many Companions were present from Rivers. A large number sat down to the banquet at the close of the meeting. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Crawford, Grand Superintendent of the District.

I was taken June 13th across the Prairie in an automobile by R. Ex. Comp. Crawford to Hartney, where a Chapter of Instruction was held. The Degree work was well done by the several Chapters taking part. I

thought I had myself travelled some distance in an automobile to be present, but at the close, in the "wee sma' hours" of the morning, several of the Companions started home in their cars, having come over 100 miles to attend the meeting.

June 14th I left for Regina where I was met by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, the Grand Second Principal, and to his good wife, and the R. Ex. Companion, I am indebted for their kind hospitality. A Chapter of Instruction was held and the several degrees conferred in a faultless manner, as was to be expected, this being the Grand Second Principal's home town. A large number of Companions were present from the surrounding Chapters, all remaining for the banquet prepared by Wascana Chapter.

I arrived in Moose Jaw about noon, June 16th, where the Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch Degrees were conferred in an exceptional manner by the Officers of Moose Jaw Chapter. I regret I was unable to remain for the banquet, but as I had arranged for a meeting to be held the following evening, at Medicine Hat, I had to deny myself the great pleasure it would have given me to remain.

On the morning, of June 17th, I arrived in Medicine Hat. A meeting was held in the evening. No work was presented, but the Alberta trouble was discussed. It was my first meeting in a loyal Chapter in Alberta. I am very glad it was held, for I received much information and many thoughts to ponder over.

I arrived in Calgary on the evening, of June 18th, and I am greatly indebted to R. Ex. Comps. N. J. Lindsay, George Hill, of Calgary, and R. Ex. Comp. D. C. Robertson, and Ex. Comp. Joseph G. Morris, of Edmonton, R. Ex. Comps. H. C. Taylor, and F. E. Nicol, of Killam, the Grand Superintendent of the District, for meeting me. An informal meeting was held in the morning and afternoon, between members of the Grand Chapter of Alberta and our own members, and it was conducted without any unkind remarks being made on either side, yet each side maintained a firmness as to its rights. In the evening a union meeting was held, when the Alberta matter was fully discussed. At

the end of the meeting I appointed R. Ex. Comps. H. C. Taylor, and D. C. Robertson, of Edmonton, and W. M. Connacher, of Calgary, a Committee to confer with the Committee appointed by M. Ex. Comp. F. S. Watson of the Grand Chapter of Alberta to meet in Edmonton. A splendid banquet was held at the close of the meeting.

I left for High River June 20th and met the Companions of Golden West Chapter, but no work was presented. The changes in the work were explained by me after which the Alberta difficulty was discussed. I left the following morning for Macleod. A meeting was held there under the auspices of Bekah Chapter, when the Royal Arch Degree was conferred in an impressive manner. There were members present at this meeting from Lethbridge and Claresholm.

June 22nd I arrived in Lethbridge and attended a Chapter meeting held under the auspices of Shekinah Chapter. No work was presented, but the changes in the work were explained, after which a discussion took place respecting the Alberta affair. I was pleased to meet R. Ex. Comp. Andrew Williamson, who came from Madoc, Ont., and who is taking an interest in Royal Arch matters.

I left Lethbridge for Pincher Creek, and through the kindness of the District Manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Lethbridge, my wife and I were allowed to ride in a freight caboose, and I was able to keep my engagement. There was no work presented, but a full discussion regarding the Alberta matter took place. Subsequently a pleasant hour was spent at the festive board.

At six o'clock the following morning I left for Nelson, B.C. On my arrival a splendid meeting of Nelson Chapter was held. The work was well done and a warm welcome given to your Grand Z. The honored Scribe E. of this Chapter was at the meeting, whose son, it was reported, had just made the "Supreme Sacrifice" at the Front in fighting for King and Country.

Monday morning I left for Rossland where a fine meeting of Rossland Chapter was held, the

officers conferring the degree work in a finished manner. At the close an excellent repast was served and a pleasant time spent.

I started for Kelowna, but regret the Canadian Pacific Railway left me at Midway, between Rossland and Kelowna, for twenty-four hours. After getting in communication with the Companions of Kelowna Chapter I was taken the following day by Comp. Wilkinson, who unfortunately had a mishap to his automobile, and consequently I was denied the pleasure of riding down the mountain for twenty-two miles, as well as losing the opportunity of performing the ceremony of the consecration and dedication of this Chapter. Since my visit to the West this Chapter has had the misfortune of having its Hall burned to the ground, but with the energy characteristic of many of the Chapters of the West it soon righted itself and is now meeting regularly. The following day I was met at the boat landing by some of the Kelowna Companions. At Vernon I was met by the Companions of Okanagan Chapter and given a delightful two hours' drive.

June 30th I arrived in Vancouver and was immediately taken in charge by M. Ex. Comp. Henry H. Watson, V. Ex. Comp. F. C. Bird, and Ex. Comp. W. C. Ditmars, and R. Ex. Comp. James Irvine, Grand Superintendent of the District. A Chapter of Instruction was held and the several degrees were well conferred. A banquet was held at the close of the proceedings. The speeches were of a most patriotic character and the best of good fellowship prevailed. To the Grand Superintendent and Companions of Vancouver I am deeply indebted for the way I was treated. I was also taken to the cemetery and saw the grave of M. Ex. Comp. Wm. Roaf, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and at the time the roses were in bloom and the air loaded with their fragrance, and I said, "What a beautiful spot to sleep, waiting for the call of the Grand Master of all."

I arrived in Victoria July 3rd and attended a most successful Convocation of Camosun Chapter, and the Royal Arch Degree was well conferred. The most

pleasing event of the evening to me was the presence of the officers and Companions of Columbia Chapter, working under the Register of the Grand Chapter of Scotland. A splendid feeling of unity exists among the Companions of the two jurisdictions in Victoria, and I regret very much I was unable to remain and be received by the Companions of Columbia Chapter the following evening, as requested by them. I had to be in Nanaimo, and there the officers of Keystone Chapter conferred the Royal Arch Degree in an impressive manner, after which I explained in detail the conferring of the Most Excellent Master Degree. The following morning I left for Vancouver, where I took the boat for Prince Rupert and had a three days' much needed rest.

To Mr. and Mrs. Capt. Hull I am under great obligation (both since have gone overseas to serve King and Empire), for the opportunity of seeing the Skeane River and its great salmon industries. Tuesday evening, July 11th, a splendid Chapter Convocation was held under the auspices of Kaien Chapter, Prince Rupert, the work being well done and a most enjoyable banquet closed the proceedings.

By the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway I left Prince Rupert July 12th, arriving in Edmonton July 15th. An informal meeting was held at McDonald's Hotel, Edmonton, after which an adjournment took place to meet the following Monday morning, when the agreement, entered into by M. Ex. Comp. F. S. Watson, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and myself, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Canada, was signed. This agreement was to be submitted by me to the Grand Chapter of Canada and at a Special Convocation of Grand Chapter, held September 12th, 1916, the agreement was confirmed and peace and harmony established between the two Grand Bodies.

At two o'clock in the afternoon, July 15th, I consecrated and dedicated Norwood Chapter. At 3.30 a Chapter of Instruction was opened under the auspices of Capital City Chapter, when the Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees were conferred in an exceptional manner. At the close a

banquet was given by Capital City Chapter and the Companions, who a short time previous to this gathering had been separated in fellowship as Royal Arch Masons, now clasped hands in unity of a great brotherhood. United in peace and harmony, and long may such conditions prevail in the Province of Alberta.

At this banquet the Companions of Alberta and Otuskwan Chapters expressed their feelings towards me in a most tangible manner by a presentation of silver to Mrs. Murch and myself, which I considered I had done nothing to merit, but, nevertheless, it will long be treasured as a memento of our visit to Alberta.

On my way to Killam, July 19th, I received a telegram which prevented me keeping an engagement at that place. Proceeding to Saskatoon, which I reached on the 20th in the evening, I received a warm welcome. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred in an excellent manner by the officers of Saskatoon Chapter, and a most enjoyable time was subsequently spent at the festive board which brought a successful gathering to a close.

I visited, July 21st, Trinity Chapter, Melville. A Chapter of Instruction was held, commencing in the afternoon. The Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees were conferred. The Companions expressed great pleasure at the instructions given by me in the detail workings of the Most Excellent Master Degree. In the evening an elaborate banquet was held at which the Companions were present with their wives and daughters.

August 1st, on my way home, I was again in Winnipeg and was paid every kindness by R. Ex. Comp. T. H. Hooper, and Ex. Comp. A. W. Chapman of that city. On August 5th I was pleased to arrive home.

I have refrained as much as possible in giving the names of the distinguished members and Companions of the Royal Craft who did so much to make my visits in the West enjoyable.

Visit to West Beneficial

May my visit to the West be half as beneficial to the Royal Craft as it has been to me, then it will not have been in vain. Before I left for the West I thought

I knew something of Canada, but as I was taken by the Companions of each Province, City and Town, and shown through the Legislative Buildings, Civic Buildings, Colleges, Schools, Agricultural Farms, Parks, over the vast farm lands of each Province, mines and fisheries, my ideas had to undergo a vast change. To me Canada is destined to be the greatest, wealthiest and most powerful State in the British Empire. Who can tell how much influence has gone forth from those Companions who have built up the Royal Craft in the great Provinces of the West for light and truth, and for the uplift of man in every walk of life ?

Annual Convocations of Grand Chapter

It has also been pressed home to me that the Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter should not always be held East of the Great Lakes, but should every fourth or fifth year be held in one of the Western Provinces. Never should the Companions of the West be asked to journey every year to Ontario, and for the good of the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction this Grand Body should hold its Annual Convocations in future at stated times, either in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, or British Columbia, not only for equal fairness to all, but by so doing, we would bring into touch with this Grand Body men who would prove to be of great strength to our Order.

One Grand Chapter

I am more impressed than I was last year, when I referred in my address to the advisability of the formation of Provincial Grand Chapters, that there should be only one Grand Chapter for this Great Dominion, and a Provincial Body for each Province. While British Statesmen are advocating for a United Empire, with a central or controlling Body, we are conceiving the idea of lopping off piece by piece, from a General Body, and instead of becoming unified into one great whole, are being impressed with the idea that greatness altogether depends upon provincialism.

Chapters of Instruction

Besides the Chapters of Instruction held, and already mentioned by me during my Western visits, I

attended one held in the Freemason's Hall, College St., Toronto, under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. Joseph Whyte Rogers, Grand Superintendent, Toronto District, No. 8. The several degrees by the various City Chapters were exceedingly well exemplified according to the revised instructions of Grand Chapter.

A Chapter of Instruction was held at Guelph, Wellington District No. 4, under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. Elmer Still, of Orangeville. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., and James B. Nixon, Grand Lecturer. All three Degrees were exemplified in an exceptional manner by the Officers of the Chapters selected.

A re-union of Carleton Chapter, Ottawa, took place under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. J. C. Scott, Grand Superintendent of the Ottawa District. The work done was of a high standard. The closing lecture at the Pedestal by R. Ex. Comp. S. A. Luke, was very impressively delivered. A banquet closed the proceedings.

A successful Chapter of Instruction for St. Lawrence District, No. 12, was held at Kingston, Monday afternoon and evening, November 27th, under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. Albert L. Stein, Grand Superintendent. The gathering was interesting and instructive and will no doubt prove of great benefit in making the work of Capitular Masonry more uniform throughout the District.

Under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. O. S. Clark, Grand Superintendent of the London District, a Chapter of Instruction was held at London. I was accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E. The work exemplified during the afternoon and evening showed that the officers taking part had given considerable time to prepare themselves for a proper rendition of the degree work.

A unique gathering of Royal Craftsmen took place, under the auspices of the newly formed Principals' Association of the Toronto Districts, Saturday afternoon, February 10th. I was invited to be present for the purpose of exemplifying the revised instructions of

the Most Excellent Master Degree. The keen desire manifested by the Toronto Companions for knowledge concerning the workings of this degree convinced me that this Grand Chapter made no mistake when it adopted the suggestions offered by me last year.

Grand Superintendents

The Grand Superintendents who have so ably performed their duties in the several Districts, and those who, notwithstanding the great disadvantages they have labored under during the past year, have held most successful Chapters of Instruction and re-unions, are to be congratulated for their efforts and Grand Chapter is indebted to them for their valued services so generously rendered.

Visits to Chapters

March 17th, accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, R. Ex. Comps. W. N. Ponton, Grand J., and Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., I attended The St. Patrick's Chapter Annual Banquet, held at the Walker House, Toronto. Subsequently I attended the Regular Convocation of the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, when I had the pleasure of presenting, on behalf of the Chapter, a handsomely framed illuminated address to R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, congratulating him on his election to the office of Grand Scribe E. of this Grand Body.

I visited Cobalt Chapter, Cobalt, March 29th, accompanied by the Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comps. C. W. Haentschel, F. W. Haynes, and W. J. Hallett, and with their assistance consecrated and dedicated Cobalt Chapter. Before the close of the Chapter R. Ex. Comp. Haentschel, on behalf of the Officers and Companions of Cobalt Chapter, presented me with the beautiful gavel that now rests on the pedestal. The proceedings closed with a banquet. Among the visiting Companions were a large number present from New Liskeard. During our visit to Cobalt the Grand Scribe E. and myself were taken through the O'Brien Mine and Mills and also through the premises of the Crown Reserve Mining Company by Comp. H. J. Stewart, accompanied by other Officers of the Chapter.

March 3rd, I visited New Liskeard Chapter. At the close of the work, which was well done, a banquet was held at which R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., delivered an excellent address on Royal Arch Masonry throughout the world.

Accompanied April 12th by R. Ex. Comp. Joseph Whyte Rogers, Grand Superintendent of the Toronto District, R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Gibson, and the Grand Scribe E., I journeyed to Thornhill and consecrated and dedicated Victoria Chapter.

I visited Toronto Chapter, Toronto, May 15th, and with the assistance of a large number of present and past Grand Chapter Officers, conferred the Royal Arch Degree. If the Companions enjoyed the work, as did the Grand Chapter Officers, then those who occupied the several Officer's chairs for the evening must have been fully repaid. It was a most enjoyable event.

May 22nd, I visited Ark Chapter, Windsor. The degree work of this Chapter was well done and the Convocation was an enjoyable one. Many Companions from Detroit, Michigan, were present. A splendid banquet took place. My only regret was that my hosts of Ark Chapter had taken my appetite away by a six o'clock dinner.

I visited The Moira Chapter, Belleville, June 6th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, Grand J., for the purpose of giving a talk on the Most Excellent Master Degree. At the banquet Ex. Comp. Rev. R. C. Blagrave, D.D., of The Moira Chapter, gave a most interesting address on the triangle. I intended to have him come to my home Chapter at Kingston and give the address, but up to the present time have not had the opportunity of doing so.

October 12th I had the pleasure of accompanying R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Purdy, Grand Superintendent of Ontario District, to Port Hope on his official visit to Victoria Chapter. A hearty welcome was extended to us. I feel sure that there will be a good report of this Chapter from the Grand Superintendent.

I visited, October 25th, the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto, and during the evening I was informed that I had been made an

Honorary Member of this ancient Chapter with full privileges, and presented with an engrossed address. I am deeply grateful to this Chapter for conferring so high an honor upon me by enrolling my name among so many distinguished Companions who have been members of this Chapter.

December 8th I visited St. John's Chapter, Cobourg. It being the mother Chapter of the Grand Superintendent of the District, R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Purdy, I expected to find good work, and I did, for the Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a most perfect manner. Many Companions from Port Hope were present.

I installed, January 3rd, 1917, the officers of Leeds Chapter, Gananoque, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Stein, Grand Superintendent of St. Lawrence District, and Ex. Comp. R. G. Graham. I regret the loss this Chapter has sustained by the death of Ex. Comp. Bennett, the Second Principal of the Chapter. He was a Companion who practiced Masonry in his every-day life and he will be sorely missed, not only by the members of the Chapter, but by the Citizens generally of Gananoque.

Assisted by M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, and R. Ex. Comp. W. Jackson, and V. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, January 19th, I installed the officers of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, Kingston.

January 26th I visited Algonquin Chapter, Sault Ste. Marie. The Most Excellent Master Degree was conferred on two candidates in a manner that showed much time had been given in preparation by Ex. Comp. W. W. Climie, the First Principal and the officers. This Chapter appears to be in a most flourishing condition.

Not Sound Business

In reviewing the Statistical Tables from the Chapters, I notice the dues are not high, and when you total the amounts spent by the Chapters for rent, light and refreshments, and divide that by the number of members in the Chapters, each member is receiving in value more than his dues amount to, and the Chapters are depending on candidates' fees to make up the

deficiency. I do not think this is a good or sound business policy.

Grand Scribe E.

I cannot sever the close and pleasant relationship which has existed between the Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, and myself during the last two years, without expressing a debt of gratitude to him for his loyalty to me and for the manner in which he has faithfully performed every duty of his office.

War Affecting the Chapters

I am sure every Royal Craftsman in this Grand Body is proud of the record its members have established, that out of a membership of 19,000 in round numbers, 1,250 have left for overseas in the service of the King and Empire. In many instances it has taken the Principal Officers from the Chapters, those who were the leaders of the Chapters. This has somewhat discouraged the Companions left behind. I sincerely trust where this is the case they will renew their efforts, that the older Past Principals and Officers will rally round and keep the Chapters alive, so that those who are spared to return from the field of battle, will find, that under difficulties the Companions have kept "The Home Fires Burning." Let those who are left behind prove themselves worthy of the trust that is in their keeping.

To the fathers, mothers and sisters of the members of this Royal Craft, who have so generously given to the Country those nearest and dearest to them, and who are suffering the loss of loved ones, who have paid the "Supreme Sacrifice," we tender our sincere sympathy and may the Father of all comfort and support them in this the hour of trial for many people throughout the British Empire.

Conclusion

Companions, one year ago you re-elected me to this high and honorable office. At the close of this Convocation I will have passed the sceptre of authority to one who is eminently fitted to fill the position of Grand First Principal. I again thank you for the great honor conferred upon me. I have endeavored

to discharge the important duties imposed upon me, impartially and justly. I have upheld the bond of fraternal love which has ever been considered the foundation of the structure of our beloved order. Where I have failed and come short of your ideals, I ask you to cover my faults with the broad mantle of a Mason's charity. May the Most High guide and direct us, not only in the management of this our beloved Grand Chapter, but in our individual lives, so that we may finally be made perfect in the Grand Chapter above, where the World's Great Architect reigns supreme.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. L. Rebusch

Grand Z.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I have the honor of submitting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Clair District No. 1, for the year 1916.

As your representative I visited all the Chapters in the District, and in every instance was received with the utmost loyalty and cordiality. The officers in every Chapter discharged their duties in a very satisfactory manner, and have great confidence in the future prosperity of their Chapter.

LORNE CHAPTER, No. 164, WEST LORNE.—I made my official visit to this Chapter November 15th, and had the pleasure of seeing the Royal Arch degree conferred by Ex. Comp. Turner and his staff of officers. The work was done in a very satisfactory manner, outside of some few arrangements which I trust will be dealt with. The books are well kept by Comp. Hyndman.

ARK CHAPTER, No. 80, WINDSOR.—I received a most cordial reception on my visit to this Chapter December 11th. Ex. Comp. Turner and his staff of officers excelled themselves in conferring the Royal Arch degree, it being done in a faultless manner. They also had their election of officers, which was carried on with the utmost harmony and unanimity. There were several R.Ex. Comps. present. The books are neatly kept by R.Ex. Comp. Masters, Scribe E.

MACNABB CHAPTER, No. 88, DRESDEN.—I made my official visit to this Chapter, January 4th. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. Laird, being away, Ex. Comp. Bedell took the chair and with the officers conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a very able manner. The officers expect considerable work in the near future. The books are kept in splendid shape by Comp. R. D. McAlpine, Scribe E.

PRINCE OF WALES CHAPTER, No. 71, AMHERSTBURG.—On January 5th, I visited this Chapter and was given

a very cordial reception by the officers and Companions. It was a pleasure to see the officers installed in such an able manner by R. Ex. Comp. C. Y. Dixon. Ex. Comp. French, who has filled the First Principal's chair for the last two years, will still be of great assistance to this Chapter. The books are well kept by Comp. Atkinson, Scribe E.

King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington.—I made by official visit to this Chapter, January 9th. With the able assistance of R. Ex. Comp. W. A. Baker, I had the honor of installing the officers for the ensuing year. This being the mother Chapter of R. Ex. Comp. Baker, I am assured that the work will be well done. The new officers feel that they will have a prosperous year in 1917. The books are well kept by Comp. A. T. Bristow.

Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham.—I made my official visit to this Chapter, January 11th. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. D. W. McDonald, was absent on account of sickness. The only work they had for the evening was the installation of officers for the ensuing year, which was done in a very able manner by Ex. Comp. J. L. Smith. We completed arrangements for a Chapter of Instruction to be held there January 25th. R. Ex. Comp. Ferguson, Past Grand Supt. of District No. 15, being present, gave the assurance that the work of Wellington Chapter is of very high order. The Chapter is very prosperous. The books are well kept by Comp. D. A. Cannon, Scribe E.

Erie Chapter, No. 73, Ridgetown.—I made my official visit to this Chapter, January 15th. Ex. Comp. Campbell and officers conferred the Mark Master degree in a very satisfactory manner. This being my home Chapter, I may say that the work is always well done. The books are well kept by Comp. Long, Scribe E.

Chapter of Instruction.—A Chapter of Instruction was held January 25th, 1917, in the Chapter Rooms of Wellington Chapter, Chatham. The programme of the day was carried out very satisfactorily. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. H. Campbell and officers of Erie Chapter, Ridge-

town, in a creditable manner. The Most Excellent Master degree was then conferred by Ex. Comp. R. Fleury and officers of Ark Chapter, Windsor, in an impressive manner. A banquet was provided by Wellington Chapter at 6.30 p.m., followed by a toast list, suitable to the occasion, presided over by Ex. Comp. J. C. Stewart, First Principal of Wellington Chapter.

The Chapter opened in the Royal Arch degree at 9 p.m., by Ex. Comp. French and officers of Prince of Wales Chapter, Amherstburg, who conferred the Royal Arch Degree in a faultless manner, it being a pleasure to hear the Mystical Lecture given by R. Ex. Comp. Dixon.

There was a good attendance. Several Past Grand Supts. were present, also a number of Past First Principals, all of whom spoke very highly of the way the several degrees were conferred, there being very little criticism offered.

I wish to thank the officers and Companions of Wellington Chapter for their kindness in offering their Chapter Room, also for the splendid manner in which they entertained the Companions in attendance. I also wish to thank the officers who took part in the work of the several degrees. It was considered by all present to be the best Chapter of Instruction ever held in St. Clair District.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Companions of St. Clair District, No. 1, for the honor they conferred upon me, by electing me as their District Superintendent. I also wish to express my appreciation of the courtesy and hospitality extended to me by the officers and Companions of every Chapter on the occasions of my visits during my term of office, and I sincerely wish for these Chapters, the greatest prosperity in the future.

Fraternally submitted,

D. R. McDiarmid,
Grand Supt. St. Clair District No. 1.

Ridgetown, Ontario.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1.

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amt. Expended in Benevolence.	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z work all Degrees ?
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Wellington	47	Chatham	10	10	20	18	1	2.00	219	21	19	..	..	2	4	..	232	19	19	18	54	None	1319.58	594.58	725.00	198.15	300.00	10.00	Ex.	Yes
Prince of Wales	71	Amherstburg	8	9	17	18	5	2.00	125	5	5	..	..	1	..	..	125	5	5	4	54	45.00	.....	.....	.....	300.00	.....	10.00	Good	Yes
Erie	73	Ridgetown	9	1	10	15	..	1.50	95	8	8	1	..	2	..	2	95	9	9	8	..	.....	.....	400.00	.....	47.00	175.00	5.00	Good	Yes
Ark	80	Windsor	12	11	23	..	..	3.00	286	32	32	2	..	3	..	2	315	10	7	7	148	None	2148.62	1073.62	675.00	806.25	400.00	27.00	Good	Yes
MacNabb	88	Dresden	7	..	7	15	1	1.45	69	1	..	1	..	2	..	2	66	..	..	..	15	None	578.00	103.00	350.00	125.00	250.00	10.00	Good	Yes
King Cyrus	119	Leamington	4	..	4	10	..	2.00	84	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	83	..	..	..	24	.....	209.00	244.00	325.00	221.50	200.00	.....	Very good	No
Lorne	164	West Lorne	10	2	12	18	3	1.50	57	3	3	..	..	2	..	..	58	3	3	3	..	.....	.....	.....	100.00	.....	.....	15.00	Fair	Yes

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I have the honor to submit for your approval, my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in London District, No. 2, for the year 1916-17. I made my first official visit to Sombra Chapter, No. 153, on March 20th, and my ninth visit to St. John's Chapter, No. 3, London, on June 28th, leaving only one Chapter to visit officially.

I found the nine Chapters all doing excellent work and in strict conformity to the ritual. The first Chapters I visited conferred the work as instructed by Grand Chapter at the Annual Convocation in 1915. Whenever I visited Chapters, I fully instructed them in all the changes, which had been made by the Grand Chapter held in February, 1916. Subsequently instructions were issued by Grand Chapter to all Subordinate Chapters, with full information regarding all changes made in the work, and when I made my official visit to St. John's Chapter, No. 3, London, the Royal Arch degree was conferred on eleven candidates by the First Principal and Officers in conformity in every respect to the instructions issued by Grand Chapter.

Peace and Harmony were the prevailing features of the District during the year. The Chapters, with few exceptions, are gradually increasing their membership, not by leaps and bounds, but the increase is gradual. In the preceding year the membership of the District numbered 1692. This year the membership numbers 1,800, an increase of one hundred and eight members.

The Chapters are all, with perhaps one exception, in a sound, healthy and prosperous condition, and will compare favorably with the Chapters of any other District of the Grand Chapter of Canada, both numerically and financially.

SOMBRA CHAPTER, NO. 153, SOMBRA.—On Monday, March 20th, I paid my official visit to Sombra Chapter.

I was accompanied by Ex. Comp. E. Lawrence, First Principal, Ex. Comps. Alex. Saunders and Newton, P.Z.'s, and Ex. Comp. Carter and Comp. Parson, of Wawanosh Chapter. The Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch degrees were conferred by the following officers : Ex. Comp. R. A. Stokes conferred the Mark Master Mason degree on four candidates, the Most Excellent Master degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. W. R. Stokes, and the Royal Arch degree was conferred on four candidates by Ex. Comp. Roach, the First Principal of the Chapter. The degrees were correctly and impressively conferred by the Ex. Past Principals. The work in the Most Excellent Master degree was conferred in accordance with the instructions of Grand Chapter, as was also the Royal Arch degree. This was attained by a little practice by the officers, assisted by myself and Ex. Comp. Lawrence, and so successful was the preliminary practice that the floor work in the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees was correctly given as outlined in the instructions of Grand Chapter. Ex. Comp. R. A. Stokes, who conferred the Mark Master Mason degree on four candidates, has a clear, ringing voice and an impressive delivery. He gave the degree in a manner that could not fail to impress the candidates. Ex. Comp. Stokes is an enthusiastic Royal Arch Mason and will never lose his interest in Royal Arch Masonry. Then Ex. Comp. W. R. Stokes, who worked the Most Excellent Master degree, and the officers assisting him, had the ritualistic and floor work under perfect control and left nothing for me to criticize. Ex. First Principal R. Roach conferred the Royal Arch degree, and in the opening and closing of the Chapter proved himself to be a model presiding officer in every respect. He has a capacity for memorizing unequalled anywhere, and throws his whole soul into the work, forgetting everything but his subject and is exceedingly strong in the Mystic Lecture, which he delivered perfectly. The Principal Sojourner's work was correctly and impressively done. The work as exemplified on my official visit to Sombra, cannot be surpassed anywhere. The Chapter is prosperous and progressive, has 65 paying

members, received and exalted four Companions, have three accepted, and six to ballot for. It has now a large scope of territory, taking in its jurisdiction Wallaceburg, which has a large population to draw from. Sombra must and will grow.

WAWANOSH CHAPTER, No. 15, SARNIA.—I visited, officially, this my home Chapter on Friday evening, April 14th. The Mark Master Mason degree was very ably and correctly conferred by Ex. Second Principal Carter and officers on four candidates. The Most Excellent Master degree was very impressively exemplified by Ex. First Principal E. Lawrence and his efficient staff of officers. Five candidates were received. The exemplification of the degree was done in such a perfect and faultless manner that no room was left for criticism. This perfection was attained by numerous practices, which all the officers attended with regularity and punctuality. Too much credit cannot be given to Ex. First Principal Lawrence for the correct manner in which he exemplified the Most Excellent Master degree. The floor work was done with absolute correctness and without confusion or mistakes of any kind, and not the slightest deviation was made from the instructions given by Grand Chapter. This Chapter is in a flourishing condition with numerous applications for exaltation coming in and plenty of work for the Ex. First Principal and officers in conferring degrees. Wawanosh Chapter has in the person of Comp. A. K. Wanless, one of the most efficient Scribes E. in the Province of Ontario. It can also boast of having among its principal officers, six Past Masters from the Blue Lodges, who are evincing the same interest in Chapter work as they did in the Blue.

AYLMER CHAPTER, No. 81, AYLMER.—Friday evening, April 28th, was selected for my official visit to Aylmer Chapter. An Emergent Convocation was called for the occasion. On my arrival, I was met at the station by Ex. Comp. Awde with his "auto" and driven around the town and surrounding district, and had the privilege of viewing the beautiful scenery of the town and immediate vicinity. The Chapter was opened promptly at 8 o'clock. I was introduced and received

with Grand Honors, after which without loss of time, the conferring of the Royal Arch degree commenced. Ex. First Principal Awde conferred the degree, assisted by his officers in a very impressive manner on three candidates. The work was perfectly done under the system prevailing before the changes had been made by Grand Chapter at the Convocation held last February. The Second and Third Principals acquitted themselves creditably in the delivery of the Symbolical and Historical Lectures. The Mystical Lecture was delivered by Ex. Comp. Ball in an almost perfect and faultless manner. In my criticisms, I fully explained the changes which had been made by Grand Chapter in the Floor Work. At the suggestion of R. Ex. Comp. Fear, the candidates were brought back to the Chapter Room and illustrated the floor work with Scribes Ezra and Nehemiah. The presentation of the tools, the movements of Scribes E. and N., in going to and from their stations, reporting the extent of discovery, in clothing, and in advancing candidates to the Altar and the East, were exemplified and fully explained strictly in accordance with the instructions of Grand Chapter. I also instructed the Chapter in the floor work of the Most Excellent Master degree. A very pleasant and profitable evening was spent on my visit to Aylmer Chapter. R. Ex. Comp. Fear contributed very materially to the success of my visit by the deep interest and active part he took in making it his especial duty to see that the instructions, it was my mission to impart, were fully understood by the Companions.

London Chapter, No. 150, London.—On Tuesday evening, May 16th, I visited officially London Chapter. I arrived shortly after the opening and after having been received with Grand Honors, I had an opportunity of observing the manner in which Chapter business was conducted, which was done Masonically and in conformity with business methods, at the conclusion of which, the Chapter was called off for the conferring of the Mark Master Mason degree.

Ex. Principal L. A. Boss conferred the Mark Master Mason degree on two candidates in a faultless manner. He was very impressive in his delivery, and was word

perfect in the rendition of the work. He also imparted the signs and grips to two candidates correctly and with full explanations as to their formation. In fact, I have never seen the degree work done better.

After the Chapter was closed, a pleasant and profitable evening was concluded with an enjoyable banquet, at which a number of toasts were eloquently responded to.

St. George's Chapter, No. 5, London.—My official visit to this Chapter was made May 26th. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified by Ex. First Principal E. Logan. The Chapter I found to be in a prosperous condition. Up to the date of my visit seven Royal Arch degrees had been conferred during the year and twenty-six applications for exaltation received.

The outstanding dues which amounted to a large sum at the close of last year, had been reduced by more than half and it was expected that at the end of the present year all outstanding dues would be collected.

The degree was conferred in a very impressive manner by Ex. First Principal Logan, who has a good delivery and was word perfect in the Ritualistic work. The Mystical Lecture was also given by the First Principal and lost none of its beauty in the delivery, and was made instructive by the perfect manner in which the signs were illustrated. The Symbolical and Historical lectures were delivered in an able and impressive manner by Ex. Comp. Smith, and Third Principal respectively.

The floor work was done in the old way, as instructions had not yet been received by the Chapter regarding the changes, which had been made at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter. I instructed the officers in the alterations which had been made in the work by Grand Chapter, and left them fully conversant with the manner in which the floor work of the Royal Arch degree should be done as authorized by Grand Chapter.

At the conclusion of the degree, I was hospitably entertained at a banquet given in the Chapter Hall, at

which Comp. Ezra and Comp. Rev. Norwood were present and delivered eloquent addresses.

Beaver Chapter, No. 74, Strathroy.—My official visit to this Chapter was made at the regular Convocation, June 5th. On arrival, I found that the Ex. First Principal had removed to Chatham and was not present, and that a number of the officers were absent on Military Service on behalf of the Empire. But Ex. Comp. Trueman, Scribe E. of the Chapter, was equal to the emergency, and had the Chapter fully equipped with officers for the occasion.

The three degrees were conferred. Ex. Comp. Currie conferred the Mark Master Mason degree on four candidates. Ex. Comp. Rogers conferred the Most Excellent Master degree on the same four candidates, and Ex. Comp. Major Sommerville exalted two soldier candidates to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch.

The work in the Mark Master Mason and the Most Excellent Master degrees was fairly well done by the Past Z.'s, who presided.

The Royal Arch was exemplified by Ex. Comp. Major Sommerville, Past Z. of St. John's Chapter, London, in a very creditable manner. He was impressive in his delivery and correct in his wording. Ex. Comp. Sommerville also gave the Mystical Lecture in a clear and forcible manner, which had the effect of creating a deep impression on the candidates.

Palestine Chapter, No. 54, St. Thomas.—Thursday evening, June 8th, was the occasion of my official visit to Palestine Chapter. On my arrival in the afternoon, I was taken for an "auto" ride by Ex. Comp. Forbes, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Kennedy and V. Ex. Comp. Idsardi. I was shown points of interest in the city and every courtesy extended to me, which I very much appreciated.

The Royal Arch degree was conferred on several candidates by Ex. First Principal Forbes in a very accurate and impressive manner. The Mystical Lecture was delivered by Ex. Comp. Judd in a manner which could not fail to impress the candidates. The

work of the Principal Sojourner was given very impressively and was worthy of the highest commendation.

All of the officers were correct in their work and this beautiful degree lost none of its beauty and sublimity in its rendition. The floor work was conferred as formerly, but the Chapter is now fully instructed and the recent changes made by Grand Chapter will in future be closely adhered to.

In my examination of the minutes and other books kept by V. Ex. Comp. Idsardi, Scribe E., I found the books neatly and accurately kept, indicating that they contained a full and concise statement of the financial condition of the Chapter and all other information appertaining to the office of Scribe E. I also found the Scribe E. an authority on the Constitution and Regulations governing Royal Arch Masonry. Palestine Chapter is in safe hands.

After my criticisms, which were favorable rather than adverse, addresses were delivered by R. Ex. Comps. Kennedy, Rowe and other Companions, a banquet was given in the banquet hall and a long list of toasts were responded to, including patriotic and Masonic.

Bruce Chapter, No. 53, Petrolia.—On Wednesday, June 21st, the occasion of my official visit to Bruce Chapter, No. 53, Petrolia, I was cordially received by the Ex. First Principal and Companions. This Chapter occupies the unique and creditable position of being presided over by three clergymen in the persons of the First, Second and Third Principals of the Chapter.

The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred on two candidates by Ex. First Principal Rev. N. Campbell. The work was fairly well done and creditable to the First Principal and his officers, considering the fact that this was the first degree conferred in the Chapter, since the election of officers and the first experience the newly elected officers had in conferring degrees. In presenting the working tools, the charge was also given. The secret work, including signs and grips, etc., were likewise correctly and properly illustrated. After the degree had been conferred, interesting ad-

dresses were delivered by R. Ex. Comps. Sinclair and Fraser and Ex. Comp. Saunders.

On the examination of the books of R. Ex. Comp. Sinclair, who is Scribe E. of the Chapter, and one of the most efficient under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, I found that the books were well kept, and gave a complete record of all business transactions of the Chapter. I also found that the Chapter, while not growing by leaps and bounds, was in a sound and healthy condition financially and otherwise.

After the Chapter closed, a grand banquet was given in the Fletcher House, which in quality, attendance, sociability and all the other things which make a banquet successful, ranks second to none given in the District on my official rounds.

I was accompanied on my official visit to this Chapter by Ex. Comps. Saunders and Lawrence and Comp. Fiddes from Wawanosh Chapter, Sarnia.

St. John's Chapter, No. 3, London.—On June 28th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Saunders of Wawanosh Chapter, Sarnia, I made my official visit to St. John's Chapter, No. 3, London. This is the banner Chapter of this District, also the oldest, and ranks third in seniority, in the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada. It is also the strongest Chapter, numerically, in London District, having a membership of three hundred and fifty. I was received by the Ex. First Principal and Companions with the utmost courtesy and cordiality and was royally entertained during my visit.

The Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. First Principal Sampson on eleven candidates in a very creditable, correct and impressive manner, with very few mistakes of either error or omission. The First Principal was well supported by his able staff of officers, who did their several parts in the degree remarkably well, chiefly excelling in the floor work, which was done in exact conformity to the instructions given by the Grand Chapter at the Convocation held in February, 1916.

The Mystical Lecture was given by the First Principal accurately and in a manner which must have

made a deep impression on the candidates. The signs of the degree were correctly given and fully illustrated, and had the effect of making the lecture very instructive to the Candidates. R. Ex. Comp. Ellwood is a capable and efficient Scribe E., his books are neatly and accurately kept and give a complete record of the Chapter financially and otherwise. The average attendance was 30, initiations to date 17, accepted applicants 9, applications referred 16.

Before the Chapter closed, a Past District Grand Superintendent's regalia was presented to R. Ex. Comp. Kennedy by myself on behalf of the District. R. Ex. Comp. Kennedy made a suitable reply, thanking the District for the many courtesies they had extended to him during his term of office, also for the handsome regalia they had presented him with.

After the Chapter closed, an adjournment was made to the banquet hall and, after ample justice had been done to the splendid feast and the usual Patriotic and Masonic toasts had been proposed and responded to, all joined in singing "God save the King," and the gathering dispersed.

Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia.—Accepting an invitation from Ex. Comp. Lawrence, November 10th, I conferred the Mark Master Mason degree on five candidates in Wawanosh Chapter, which is my home Chapter. The occasion was made a social event and about forty visiting Companions from the neighboring City of Port Huron, U.S.A., were present. A pleasant, enjoyable and profitable evening was spent.

Bruce Chapter, No. 53, Petrolia.—On November 15th I again visited Bruce Chapter, in response to an invitation from R. Ex. Comp. Sinclair, Scribe E. of the Chapter, to be present and witness the Royal Arch degree conferred. I was accompanied by Ex. Comp. Lawrence and officers of Wawanosh Chapter and other Companions numbering in all sixteen. The degree was beautifully conferred by Ex. Comp. Neville, who also gave the Mystical Lecture.

As this was only a social visit, I will not make any extended remarks further than to say that the work

was well done and strictly in conformity to Grand Chapter instructions, also that the work all through by the Ex. Principal and other officers showed a marked improvement to that done on my official visit last June.

MINNEWAWA CHAPTER, No. 78, PARKHILL.—On invitation from the Scribe E., I made my official visit to Minnewawa Chapter on Friday evening, November 24th. Owing to the fact that the night was stormy and the Companions lived at a great distance, there was not a quorum present. The evening was spent in general conversation and I ascertained from a casual examination of Scribe E.'s books that the Chapter was not in a prosperous condition.

The regular Convocations were frequently missed, owing to a lack of interest on the part of the members, who failed to attend and, as a result, the monthly Convocations were not held with regularity.

Up to date the outstanding dues amounted to one hundred dollars. There were three exaltations during the year and three withdrawals, leaving a membership of sixty-eight, the same as last year, with no immediate prospects of any increase in the membership.

I am strongly under the impression, that if the officers would attend the regular Convocations with regularity and punctuality, there would be a better attendance of the membership.

JOINT INSTALLATION.—On December 29th, a joint meeting was held in the Chapter Hall, in the City of London, of the three London Chapters, viz., St. John's, No. 3, St. George's, No. 5, and London, No. 150, for the purpose of installing the officers for the year 1917 of the respective Chapters.

I was honored with an invitation to take charge of the installation ceremonies, an honor which I appreciated very much and gladly accepted. I was assisted in the Ceremonies by R. Ex. Comps. Graham and Cooper, Past Grand Superintendents, and Ex. Comp. Boughner. After the installation ceremonies were completed, the Chapter closed and the Joint Committee of the three London Chapters met for the purpose of making arrangements for holding a Chapter of Instruction for the District in London, January 30th.

In conclusion, I desire to say that my official visits have been completed, having visited every Chapter in the District.

Early in September, I received a letter of inquiry from the Grand Scribe E., asking if I had made any effort to hold a Chapter of Instruction in London District, if not, to use my best endeavors to do so. I immediately took the matter up with the three London Chapters and they at once acceded very kindly to my request for a Chapter of Instruction to be held under the joint auspices of St. John's Chapter, No. 3, St. George's Chapter, No. 5, and London Chapter, No. 150. The date fixed for the event was January 30th, in order to suit the convenience of the London Chapters and to insure the attendance of M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, the Grand Z., R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., and M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt. The Chapter of Instruction was held in the Masonic Temple in London, Tuesday, January 30th. There was a good attendance, about 150 Companions being present, representing every Chapter in the District, with the exception of Sombra Chapter, No. 153, which was unrepresented. The M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, Past Grand Z., and R. Ex. Comp H. T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., representing the Grand Chapter of Canada, were present as guests of honor. Among other prominent Chapter Masons from outside places in attendance, were R. Ex. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Cohoe, of the Headquarters Staff, Military District No. 1, formerly Past Grand Supt. of Niagara District, R. Ex. Comp. Sutherland of Parkhill, Ex. Bro. Alex. Saunders of Sarnia and R. Ex. Comp. Moose of Hamilton.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened at 2.30 p.m. by Ex. Comp. L. A. Boss and officers selected from the three London Chapters, who lined up as follows: Ex. Comps. L. A. Boss, Worshipful Master; Ed. Smith, Senior Warden; Finlay Marshall, Junior Warden. They were assisted by Comps. Harry Langford, Chas. Hoare, J. Birnie Smith, Wm. O'Dell, Albert Carrothers and A. J. Wilkins. The degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner, and was given

impressively and correctly. After the degree was worked no adverse criticisms were offered, but on the contrary the highest praise and commendation were elicited.

At 4.30 p.m. the Most Excellent Master Mason's Lodge was opened by Ex. Comp. Wesley Carter, First Principal of Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia, and his officers. The Lodge was constituted as follows: Ex. Comps Wesley Carter, Worshipful Master; Wm. Saurwein, Senior Warden; J. E. B. Phelps, Junior Warden; Comps James Newton, Senior Deacon; Robert Finch, Junior Deacon; L. F. Fiddes, Inner Guard; Clifford Hannah and Fred Love.

The Officers of Wawanosh Chapter were congratulated on the beautiful character of their work by the M. Ex. Grand Z., who also gave great praise to the First Principal for his individuality and the impressive manner in which he had conferred the degree.

At 8 p.m. the Chapter was opened in the Royal Arch Degree by Ex. Comp. Geo. E. Logan and officers selected from the three London Chapters. After the reception of myself as Grand Superintendent of the District, M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, Grand Z., and R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., accompanied by other Grand Officers, were received and a hearty welcome extended by Ex. Comp. Logan and Grand Honors accorded them.

The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a capable manner by Ex. Comps. Geo. E. Logan, First Principal; Chas. Gilbert, Second Principal; R. Syme, Third Principal; R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood, Scribe E.; Ex. Comp. Chas. Reid, Scribe N.; Ex. Comp. Whit Lancaster, Principal Sojourner; Comps. H. Ives, S.S.; S. F. Thompson, J.S.; and other Junior officers.

After the degree was conferred, short addresses were delivered by M. Ex. Comp. Murch, R. Ex. Comp. Smith, M. Ex. Comp. Harcourt, R. Ex. Comps. Jno. Graham and O. Ellwood, after which Past Principals' Jewels were presented to Ex. Comp. Sampson of St. John's Chapter; Ex. Comp. Geo. E. Logan of St. George's Chapter; Ex. Comp. L. A. Boss of London Chapter. The presentations were made by M. Ex.

Comp. W. S. R. Murch and M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith. The Chapter was then closed and an adjournment made to the banquet hall, where a short programme of speeches and songs was given.

I will also take this opportunity of thanking the ten Chapters comprising London District for the honor they conferred on me in electing me Grand Superintendent of the District and for the many acts of courtesy and kindness which have been extended to me by every Chapter in the District.

Fraternally submitted,

O. S. Clark,
Grand Supt., London District, No. 2.

Point Edward, Ont.

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2.

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St. John's	3	London	9	6	15	30	5	2.00	334	39	39	..	1	1	1	8	364	39	39	36	54	101.40	4368.44	1776.94	2100.00	491.50	300.00	70.00	Splendid	....
St. George's	5	London	13	4	13	30	5	2.00	282	49	36	1	2	12	6	1	302	36	35	36	32	200.00	1157.50	896.01	600.00	74.00	300.00	57.00	Excel'nt	Yes
Wawanosh	15	Sarnia	9	..	9	30	....	2.00	241	23	13	..	1	....	..	4	251	13	6	8	48	None	700.00	.....	Joint	.....	Joint	.....	Excel'nt	Yes
Bruce	53	Petrolea	9	3	12	15	3	2.00	101	3	3	....	..	1	6	..	101	3	3	3	23	None	410.00	263.41	.....	150.00	260.00	15.00	Good	No
Palestine	54	St. Thomas	10	2	12	24	1	2.00	262	..	8	....	..	2	3	2	263	8	7	7	22	None	400.00	500.00	624.00	50.00	400.00	91.00	Good	Yes
Minnewawa	78	Parkhill	5	..	5	10	....	1.50	68	3	3	....	..	3	....	..	68	3	3	4	27	.....	.....	90.00	200.00	163.00	Joint	.....	Fair	Yes
Beaver	74	Strathroy	8	..	8	10	1	2.00	77	6	6	....	..	1	..	3	77	6	4	4	8	574.00	900.00	136.95	310.00	150.00	300.00	5.00	Good	Yes
Aylmer	81	Aylmer	7	3	10	20	2	2.00	108	8	8	....	..	....	..	1	115	8	8	6	..	Nil	.....	100.00	250.00	.....	.....	15.00	Good	Yes
London	150	London	11	2	13	40	2	2.00	151	34	30	..	1	1	..	1	180	30	28	25	70	Nil	1288.55	718.55	350.00	220 00	300.00	40.00	Good	Yes
Sombra	153	Sombra	6	5	11	18	20	2.00	66	18	15	....	..	..	1	1	79	15	15	15	20	None	400.00	220.00	None	110.00	300.00	15.00	Good	Yes

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

In presenting my report on the conditions of Royal Arch Masonry in the Wilson District, No. 3, for the year 1916, I wish first to express my thanks to the Companions of this District for the honor they conferred at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter by electing me as their Grand Superintendent, and for the splendid assistance and loyal support which I have received from the officers of every Chapter in the District.

The work has been light, as harmony prevails throughout the District, and no occasion has arisen for reference or decision. I was very anxious to have a Chapter of Instruction for the District during my term of office. I first brought the matter up in my own Chapter, when the following resolution was passed : That we approve of the holding of a Chapter of Instruction and as the Grand Superintendent is one of us, that if the same can be arranged, it be held at Brantford, we will confer any degree requested and that Mount Horeb Chapter bear the expense. This pleased me very much, but with the exception of Harris Chapter No. 41, Ingersoll, the rest all had a good excuse not to take part.

I have endeavored to the best of my ability to encourage social intercourse between the Chapters of the District, and was very ably assisted in this by the Companions of my own Chapter, who accompanied me in good numbers on each official visit, particularly V. Ex. Comp. Dr. D. E. Russell, Ex. Comp. Angus Campbell (Secretary), Ex. Comp. T. J. Kirby, and Ex. Comp. Rev. G. A. Woodside.

OXFORD CHAPTER, NO. 18, WOODSTOCK.—This Chapter was officially visited on Friday, December 15th, where I received a cordial greeting. This being

their regular meeting for the Election of Officers and our train being late, the election was over when we were received. On account of Ex. Comp. R. D. Montgomery, First Principal, having been at Camp Borden a greater part of the year, the Companions thought he should have another chance, so all the officers were re-elected to the same possession as last year. The Mark Master degree was conferred in a manner reflecting great credit upon the officers. R. Ex. Comp. W. L. McWhinnie, Past Grand Supt. of Wilson District, by his presence and the part he took in the affairs, proved that his interest in Capitular Masonry is in no way lacking. The books are properly kept and the outlook for the future bright.

Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe.—On Thursday, November 16th, I had the pleasure of visiting Ezra Chapter, where I received a cordial welcome. The night was very stormy and the attendance not as large as I had expected to see. This Chapter is laboring under difficulties, as several of its officers and past officers have enlisted and gone overseas. The Mark Master degree was conferred in a very satisfactory manner, the officers being assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Reid and R. Ex. Comp. Christie. Ex. Comp. Angus Campbell, who acted as my Secretary and who accompanied me on each visit, carefully examined the books, which were found most creditably kept. Needless to add that the Fourth degree was most heartily partaken of, especially by the Brantford Companions after a drive of twenty miles through a storm.

Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter Friday, December 22nd. I had arranged to visit Ingersoll in November, but as their hall was being re-modelled, I was asked to postpone my visit until December, when to their disappointment it was not finished, so their Convocation had to be held in another hall. I was received in a most cordial manner and introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Edwards. The Mark Master degree was conferred in a most efficient manner. The books are well kept. The Chapter has a good lot of officers and the outlook for

the future is fine. The Fourth degree was partaken of at a nearby restaurant, where a most enjoyable hour was spent, one long to be remembered by me and the Companions who accompanied me from my home Chapter.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford.—This is my home Chapter and as I am present at all Convocations, I was able to keep in close touch with the work throughout the year. The Chapter ranks with the best in the District, having excellent officers, good paraphernalia and the best of quarters. The work in Mount Horeb Chapter is always well done, and December 1st, when I made my official visit, the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred quite up to the usual standard, and while we have not taken in many candidates during the last year, yet it has been a very profitable one in many ways. The officers for the ensuing year were also elected, Ex. Comp. the Rev. G. A. Woodside, Immediate Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada, being elected First Principal, and his past record is sufficient guarantee for the success of Mount Horeb Chapter for 1917.

Brant Chapter, No. 115, Paris.—I made my official visit to Brant Chapter on Monday, December 4th, accompanied by twenty-one Companions of Mount Horeb Chapter, where we spent a very enjoyable evening. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a very efficient manner, particularly that of the first Principal Ex. Comp. Wm. Finlayson, whose work was rendered letter perfect. The work of Brant Chapter could not be otherwise than well done under the guiding hands of such Companions as R. Ex. Comps. Smiley, Smoke, Inksater, and last, but not least, their genial Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Logie, who are all regular attendants. Needless to say the books are well kept. Abundance of good things for the inner man were served after labor and a most enjoyable hour spent. Many of this Chapter's Companions have gone to the front and while they are away those left are keeping the camp fires burning brightly.

Thanking the Companions who have made my year of office as Grand Superintendent one that I shall ever look back to with the most pleasant recollections.

All of which is fraternally and respectfully submitted.

F. S. Blain,
Grand Supt., Wilson District, No. 3.

Brantford, Ont.

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Oxford	18	Woodstock	10	2	12	12	2	2.00	79	10	4	1	..	1	2	1	80	4	4	6	...	.....	500.00	120.00	450.00	110.00	250.00	15.00	Good	Yes
Mount Horeb	20	Brantford	10	..	10	23	2	2.00 3.00	205	2	2	....		1	6	2	198	2	1	1	16	.....	1200.00	200.00	1000.00	100.00	1000.00	80.00	Good	Yes
Ezra	23	Simcoe	7	..	7	15	4	1.50 2.00	154	3	3	1	..	2	7	3	146	3	3	1	10	.....	660.00	260.00	400.00	35.00	300.00	30.00	Good	Yes
Harris	41	Ingersoll	9	..	9	11	2	2.00	84	6	3	....	....	....		2	84	3	2	1	25	.....	300.00	15.00	.....	100.00	250.00	.....	Fair	Yes
Brant	115	Paris	7	..	7	10	....	1.50 3.00	58	1	1	....	..	1	..	1	57	2	1	2	8	.....	225.00	225.00	.....	85.00	200.00	10.00	Fair	Yes

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 4.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wellington District, No. 4, for the year 1916.

As your representative I visited all the Chapters in the District and desire to congratulate them on the general efficiency of the officers I found in the various Chapters. I also wish to thank the officers and Companions of the Chapters for the very cordial and fraternal manner in which I was received during my visits. The prospects for the coming year are most encouraging and the interest in Capitular Masonry is increasing all over the District. Good progress is also being made both numerically and financially.

ENTERPRISE CHAPTER, NO. 67, HARRISTON.—Accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. Robinson, Ex. Comp. Bowles and Ex. Comp. Annis, I visited this Chapter on September 7th. The membership is drawn from a fairly large territory and several of its officers live in other towns of the District. This fact, combined with poor train connections, accounts for the small attendance at most of the meetings. Ex. Comp. Yeo, on the occasion of my visit, was badly handicapped because several of the regular officers were absent. He had the honor of exalting eight candidates into the mysteries of the Royal Arch degree, and with a regular set of officers no doubt would have acquitted himself well. The fact that they have initiated 12 candidates during the year speaks well for their energy. The duties of Scribe E. are well looked after by Comp. Glenny. Having a membership of 118 and with such a large territory to draw from, this Chapter, with a complete set of energetic officers, should have good prospects. I had the pleasure of meeting R. Ex. Comp. Prain, a Past Grand Superintendent of Wellington District

several years ago, whom I am sorry to say is getting quite feeble.

Guelph Chapter, No. 40, Guelph.—I visited this Chapter October 13th, accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. Robinson and Ex. Comps. Annis and Kilpatrick. We had anticipated seeing Guelph Chapter confer the Mark Master Mason degree, but the candidate did not arrive and we were disappointed. However, from the prompt and capable manner in which the business of the evening was transacted, and the excellent way in which this Chapter exemplified the Royal Arch degree, at the Chapter of Instruction, I would judge that the other degrees are also conferred in an efficient manner. Ex. Comp. Marr makes a very capable presiding officer and, with the assistance of Comp. Ogg, the very efficient Scribe E., and the other officers, Guelph Chapter appears to be in a very flourishing condition. This Chapter is to be congratulated on its very luxurious and comfortable quarters.

Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt.—This Chapter was officially visited October 19th and, although it was very wet and disagreeable, Ex. Comp. Annis accompanied me. I was, however, most loyally received and entertained by Ex. Comp. Campbell, his officers, and the Companions of the Chapter, and the evening was one of the best I had throughout the District in attendance, enthusiasm and interest. A number of the Companions from Kitchener Chapter motored to Galt and helped to make the meeting a very enjoyable and profitable one indeed. The Most Excellent Master degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. Campbell and his officers at my request, and although handicapped by one or two of the regular officers being unable to be present, the work was done in an admirable manner, reflecting much credit on the Chapter. R. Ex. Comp. Cowan, Grand Superintendent of the District a few years ago, was present and assisted in the business. The books and other duties are well looked after by Comp. Blake, their veteran Scribe E., although suffering from the effects of a recent illness. This Chapter's prospects are very encouraging.

Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, Kitchener.—This Chapter very kindly arranged a special meeting, October 20th, that I might visit them on the evening following my visit to Waterloo Chapter. I was accompanied by Ex. Comp. Annis, who was good enough to attend with me on all my official visits throughout the District. As the weather was bad, several Companions from Galt, who had arranged to visit Kitchener Chapter, could not be present. The attendance, however, was good, and a very profitable and enjoyable evening spent. At my request, Ex. Comp. DeKleinhans, assisted by Ex. Comp. Hallman, exemplified the Most Excellent Master degree, and certainly excelled themselves in the manner in which they did the work. The changes in the work recently made by Grand Chapter were particularly well carried out. The Craftman's Club, which was opened the night previous to my visit and which is to be run in connection with the Lodge, should certainly prove a success and will undoubtedly assist them in securing new members. It would be difficult to surpass their splendidly equipped and furnished Lodge and refreshment rooms. They are complete in every sense and are a credit to the Chapter. During the evening the name of Kitchener was chosen as the name which this Chapter wishes to be known by in future.

Ionic Chapter, No. 83, Orangeville.—In addition to attending practically all the regular meetings of this my home Chapter, I was present officially November 14th. The election of officers for the ensuing year was held, and resulted in one of the best set of officers in years being elected. I feel that in such capable hands the Chapter cannot help but prosper. Ex. Comp. Bowles and his officers exemplified the Most Excellent Master degree at this meeting and they certainly gave an excellent account of themselves. A lot of new blood is being brought into the Chapter and the attendance and general interest taken have greatly increased in the last few years, and prospects for the future are most encouraging. The duties of Scribe E. are well looked after by the veteran Scribe E., Comp. McPherson. Several members of my home

Chapter have been very faithful in accompanying me on my official visits to the other Chapters in the District and greatly assisted me in this respect. It is pleasing to see R. Ex. Comp. Irvine, a Past Grand Superintendent of the District, still taking so active an interest in the Chapter and this year he again installed the officers, as is his custom. R. Ex. Comp. Preston, another Past Grand Superintendent of the District, is in England doing his bit for the Empire. Seven Companions of this Chapter have enlisted in the service of their King and Country.

Chapter of Instruction.—I endeavored to arrange for a Chapter of Instruction as early in the year as possible, and through the kindness of Guelph Chapter I was able to hold one in their Masonic Hall June 2nd. The weather was very bad, but every Chapter in the District, with one exception, was well represented, and there was a splendid attendance, especially in the evening.

We were honored by the presence of the M. Ex. the Grand Z., W. S. R. Murch, who was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, the Grand Scribe E., and R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, the Grand Lecturer.

A lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened at 3 p.m. by the officers of Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, Kitchener, and the work was done in a highly satisfactory manner.

A lodge of Most Excellent Masters was opened at 4.30 p.m. by the officers of Ionic Chapter, No. 83, Orangeville, and the work (including the changes in it introduced by the M. Ex. the Grand Z. at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter) was done in an almost faultless manner, and they richly deserved the complimentary remarks of the M. Ex. the Grand Z. and the other Grand Chapter Officers, on the work presented.

In the evening at 8 o'clock the Royal Arch degree was exemplified by the officers of Guelph Chapter, No. 40, Guelph, in a highly complimentary manner, and the officers richly deserved the congratulations extended to them from all sides.

After the exemplification of each degree much valuable information was gained by the questions sub-

mitted to and answered by the Grand Chapter Officers, whom we had the privilege of having with us.

At the conclusion of the Royal Arch degree, Guelph Chapter entertained all present to a banquet which would be difficult to surpass. It was complete in every detail. The M. Ex. the Grand Z. and R. Ex. the Grand Scribe E. gave two very interesting and instructive addresses, and the toasts were all proposed and replied to in an excellent manner.

All present remarked that it was one of the best Chapters of Instruction that has been held in the District, and I feel that it has been and will be of great benefit to the Chapters. My thanks are tendered to all the Companions, and particularly those of Guelph Chapter, who so ably and willingly assisted me in carrying through this Chapter of Instruction.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Companions of Wellington District for the honor they conferred upon me by electing me to the high office of Grand Superintendent, also for the uniform courtesy and many kindnesses extended to me throughout the District.

It is with a degree of sorrow that I surrender my work as Grand Superintendent, but it will be some consolation for me to look back and know that Capitular Masonry in Wellington District, in spite of the turmoil and trials through which the world is passing, is in such a prosperous condition, and that true harmony exists among the Chapters and Companions.

Fraternally submitted,

ELMER STILL,
Grand Supt. Wellington District, No. 4.

Orangeville, Ont.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4.

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Waterloo	32	Galt	9	4	13	17	2.15	2.00	118	7	6	1	1	3	..	..	123	6	6	9	32	Nil	773.00	343.00	430.00	96.00	400.00	25.00	Good	Yes
Guelph	40	Guelph	11	5	16	13	.44	2.00	90	15	10	1	..	1	..	1	99	10	10	11	9	44.25	630.00	130.00	500.00	113.00	500.00	15.00	Good	Yes
Enterprise	67	Harriston	9	3	12	14	2	1.00	116	23	12	..	..	4	3	3	118	12	12	10	11	Nil	769.11	469.11	300.00	11.00	200.00	5.00	Good	Yes
Ionic	83	Orangeville	7	1	8	13	....	1.00	69	5	3	..	1	1	..	3	69	3	3	4	5	Nil	501.08	201.08	300.00	25.00	200.00	10.00	Good	Yes
Kitchener	117	Kitchener	12	9	21	16	2	3.00	76	12	10	..	2	..	..	..	88	10	9	11	...	Nil	420.32	75.32	345.00	53.50	300.00	41.00	Ex.	Yes

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I present for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Hamilton District, No. 5, for the year 1916.

I have visited all the six Chapters in my District, officially on one occasion, and five of them unofficially on several occasions. Have seen every Chapter in the District confer degrees, and all have done exceedingly well. As regards work done in the Chapters, I believe the work of the Officers in every Chapter from lowest to highest has been during the past year conferred second to no year in the history of the several Chapters, notwithstanding the fact that every Chapter has had one or more of its Officers who have enlisted for overseas duty. Royal Arch Masons are to be commended for their patriotic spirit. A large number are either at the front or in training to do their bit for the cause of freedom.

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, No. 75, MILTON.—I visited this Chapter November 16th, accompanied by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore and Ex. Comp. J. E. Riddell. We were cordially received by Ex. Comp. McKenzie, his officers and members. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a very efficient manner, and I am pleased to say that St. Clair Chapter has had a very good year with prospects equally as good for 1917.

WHITE OAK CHAPTER, No. 104, OAKVILLE.—November 21st, I officially visited White Oak Chapter, No. 104, Oakville, accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. George Britton and Ex. Comp. F. R. Martin. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. W. T. Marlatt, cordially welcomed and accorded grand honors by Ex. Comp. J. R. Kendall, who with his officers exemplified the Royal Arch degree in a very efficient manner, for which they are to be commended.

Ancaster Chapter, No. 155, Ancaster.—I officially visited Ancaster Chapter, No. 155, Ancaster, December 12th, accompanied by a number of Companions from Hamilton, and was welcomed by a goodly number of members and I conducted the election of officers for the ensuing year. At a previous visit to this Chapter June 1st, I had the pleasure of witnessing the Royal Arch degree exemplified by Ex. Comp. Bates and all officers, members of Ancaster Chapter. This was the first time since the Chapter had been organized that work was done without any outside help, and Ex. Comp. G. A. Almas deserves credit for his attention to his office as First Principal. Ancaster Chapter has good prospects for the ensuing year.

St. John's Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton.—I officially visited this Chapter, December 14th. This being my mother Chapter,—I was received royally by Ex. Comp. A. F. Hamburg and a large number of Companions As I seldom miss a meeting of this Chapter, I am fully aware of what they can do and are doing. The record for my district this year was thirty exaltations, worked by St. John's, No. 6, and prospects look equally as good for next year.

The Hamilton Chapter, No. 175.—I visited officially this the Junior Chapter of this District, December 18th, was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed, welcomed and accorded Grand Honors by Ex. Comp. G. R. Lloyd. The Hamilton Chapter has had the most successful year of its existence and prospects for next year are good. I had the pleasure of conducting the election of officers for the ensuing year, and feel assured that The Hamilton Chapter will have prosperity in the coming year.

The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton.—December 22nd, I visited this Chapter officially and found a very large number of Past Principals and members present. On account of the presiding First Principal, Ex. Comp. J. H. Schrader, being unavoidably absent, I was welcomed by V. Ex. Comp. Thos. Smith, and I conducted the election of officers for the ensuing year, and feel assured that the

officers elected will keep up the good work done by The Hiram Chapter for so many years. This Chapter has the distinction of being the second oldest in Canada and many of our present and past Grand Chapter Officers received their early training in this Chapter. This Chapter will celebrate their Centennial in 1920.

In conclusion I desire to thank and express my appreciation for the high honor conferred on me by electing me Grand Superintendent for No. 5 District, and trust that my successor may find everything as pleasant and harmonious among the Chapters in No. 5, Hamilton District, as I have done.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. F. MERCER.
Grand Supt., Hamilton District, No. 5.

Hamilton, Ont.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5.

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The Hiram.....	2	Hamilton.....	12	..	12	34	5	3.00 1.50	357	17	16	..	2	3	7	8	357	16	17	16	...	None	5800.00	4500.00	1300.00	200.00	Jointly	100.00	Good	Yes
St. John's.....	6	Hamilton.....	10	3	13	40	4	3.00 1.50	349	30	24	3	1	1	..	7	377	24	24	24	45	None	5100.00	955.61	1120.00	225.00	Jointly	117.86	Ex.	Yes
St. Clair.....	75	Milton.....	9	1	10	15	2	3.00 1.50	70	9	5	..	1	..	2	3	71	5	5	3	6	52.50	703.55	303.55	400.00	10.50	200.00	10.00	Good	Yes
White Oak.....	104	Oakville.....	10	..	10	20	8	3.00 1.50	70	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	74	4	3	4	16	None	759.94	331.94	427.00	332.15	300.00	20.00	Good	Yes
Ancaster.....	155	Ancaster.....	12	1	13	16	4	3.00 1.50	55	4	3	..	..	..	..	1	57	3	5	4	20	None	500.00	None	500.00	72.00	400.00	25.00	Good	Yes
The Hamilton....	175	Hamilton.....	10	1	11	22	1	5.00 2.00	90	7	7	..	..	..	..	2	94	7	6	6	...	None	487.40	90.40	397.00	14.00	400.00	None	Ex.	Yes

HURON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Huron District, No. 6, for the year just ended.

Though the war which is now raging in Europe has affected all of the Chapters in the District to a greater or less extent, first by lessening the number of available candidates for admission, and secondly, by calling away many officers and members of the several Chapters, yet on the whole the district has shown a very creditable year, there being a slight increase in membership over that of last year.

All of the Chapters in the District are in a good working condition, with one exception, and the outlook for the coming year is brighter than for the past.

The one exception is that of Lucknow. Here I was unable to get in touch with any of the Companions, and Capitular Masonry at this place appears for the present to be dead and I have therefore to concur with the conclusion reached by my predecessor in office, "that it will be practically impossible to have a good working Chapter in Lucknow, at least for some years to come."

TECUMSEH CHAPTER, NO. 24, STRATFORD.—This is the largest Chapter in the District. I visited March 15th and was cordially welcomed by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. F. A. Copus, in an address which pointed out the kindly feelings that have always existed between Tecumseh Chapter and my own home Chapter, "Huron."

Although the Excellent Second Principal was absent on active military service, and the Principal Sojourner was unavoidably ill, the Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified in a very able manner, showing that not only the officers, but also the Com-

panions in general take an active and earnest interest in the workings of the Chapter.

The books and papers of the Chapter are neatly and carefully kept and the property well looked after.

At the conclusion of the evening's work a dainty luncheon was served in the banquet hall, followed by a suitable toast list.

Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich.—This being my home Chapter, I visited it Tuesday, April 18th, and was welcomed in a very cordial manner by Ex. Comp. K. Campbell and the Companions. Two candidates were exalted to the Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch in a very able manner, after which a short talk was given on the new instructions issued in regard to the "work" in the several degrees.

The books of the Chapter are especially well kept by the Scribe E.

Later a tasty luncheon was served in the banquet hall, followed by suitable toasts and songs.

St. James Chapter, No. 46, St. Mary's.—On Monday, May 8th, I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter and was very warmly greeted by Ex. Comp. O. R. Burns and the Companions.

During the evening two candidates were exalted to the Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch and the work was splendidly done. Ex. Comp. Burns and his officers deserve great credit for the careful, painstaking and thorough manner in which they discharged their duties.

A very pleasing event of the evening was the presentation of a Past Principal's apron and sash to Ex. Comp. J. H. Hylands, I.P.Z., for his faithful and zealous work on behalf of the Chapter.

A profitable and enjoyable evening was closed by the serving of a tasty luncheon, enjoyed by all.

Havelock Chapter, No. 63, Kincardine.—This Chapter I officially visited June 10th and, although the evening turned out to be one of the most stormy of the season, I received a very warm welcome from Ex. Comp. Hay, who occupied the chair, and the rest of the Companions.

During the evening the Most Excellent Master degree was exemplified in a very able manner, which afforded an excellent opportunity to illustrate the new instructions in regard to the floor work in this degree.

The labors of the evening being ended, a light luncheon was served, at which a pleasing feature was the singing of a song by R. Ex. Comp. E. Miller.

The Malloch Chapter, No. 66, Seaforth.—I visited this Chapter April 17th and was warmly greeted by Ex. Comp. Aberhart and the Companions. After the business of the evening was concluded the Royal Arch degree was conferred upon two candidates in a very able manner, all of the officers performing their respective duties in a pleasing manner, the work of the Principal Sojourner was particularly good. The Malloch Chapter is to be congratulated upon having such an able staff of Officers. At the conclusion of the degree an adjournment was made to the Commercial Hotel, where a dainty supper, interspersed with a programme of suitable song, speech and story, was enjoyed.

Lebanon Chapter, No. 84, Wingham.—On Tuesday, November 21st, I visited this Chapter and was very cordially received by the Companions. The Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified in a very careful and painstaking manner, which showed that the officers and members alike were thoroughly alive to the necessity of careful instruction in the work. The books and papers of the Chapter are neatly kept and well cared for.

Elliot Chapter, No. 129, Mitchell.—It was my privilege to visit this Chapter on Tuesday, November 28th, when I was very cordially received by the Companions. I found the books and property of the Chapter well and carefully kept.

During the evening the Officers exemplified the Mark Master Mason degree in a very able manner, the work being well done, after which a short discussion on Capitular Masonry in general took place. The outlook for the Chapter the coming year is very bright indeed.

Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Southampton.—I visited this Chapter officially December 5th. No

Chapter in the District has felt the call of the war more than this one. Indeed, to such an extent is this so that they have only been able to hold two regular meetings this year, and although this evening was the annual election of officers and my visit, yet a quorum was not obtainable. What was lacking in numbers, however, was easily made up for by the enthusiasm of those present.

An informal discussion of Capitular Masonry in general took place and passed a very pleasant evening. The outlook for the coming year is much brighter.

Bernard Chapter, No. 146, Listowel.—I visited this Chapter officially on the evening of October 13th and was warmly greeted by Ex. Comp. John A. Kelly, the First Principal, and the Companions.

After the business of the evening was concluded, the Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified in a pleasing manner, following was a short instructive talk given in regard to the latest instruction now issued concerning the subsequent degrees. A profitable evening was brough to a close by the serving of a nice luncheon, suitably interspersed with toasts, etc. The outlook for the Chapter is good.

Peace, harmony and goodwill reign supreme in every Chapter throughout the District, there having been no controversies to settle during the year.

Although we were urged at the beginning of the year to hold a Chapter of Instruction in our respective Districts, this has not been done for several reasons. First; past experience has shown that the Chapters most needing the instruction will not attend. Second, the Chapters are so disrupted by the call of the war that few of them cared to undertake the responsibility either of attending or taking part. And thirdly, the train service in this District does not lend itself readily to the holding of such a Chapter by allowing the Companions to attend and return home the same day. Foreseeing these difficulties, I endeavored from the beginning to make my visits as instructive, "especially as to the newer instructions laid down," as possible, and in this way supply any deficiency which want of a Chapter of Instruction would create.

In conclusion I would say that the Companions throughout the District have received me with kindness and courtesy at all times, for which I sincerely thank them, as by this my term of office has been an exceedingly pleasant one indeed.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. F. Gallow,
Grand Supt., Huron District, No. 6

Goderich, Ont.

HURON DISTRICT, No. 6.

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Tecumseh	24	Stratford	10	4	14	16	2	2.00	157	8	9	..	..	3	8	1	154	9	9	15	10	.....	900.00	300.00	600.00	31.00	400.00	20.00	Good	Yes
Huron	30	Goderich	9	2	11	12	....	2.00	99	4	4	1	..	2	1	5	96	4	4	4	20	72.24	933.00	733.00	200.00	156.50	200.00	25.00	Fair	Yes
St. James'	46	St. Mary's	9	4	13	16	....	1.50	74	10	10	..	..	..	..	..	84	10	10	10	59	41.50	377.65	54.65	248.03	215.00	None	35.00	Good	Yes
Havelock	63	Kincardine	11	..	11	12	1	2.00	66	5	5	..	..	1	..	..	70	5	5	3	30	None	400.00	.....	.....	.....	200.00	15.00	Good	Yes
The Malloch	66	Seaforth	7	2	9	10	2	2.00	66	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	66	1	1	..	10	100.00	200.00	.....	.....	100.00	100.00	.....	Fair	Yes
Lebanon	84	Wingham	8	..	8	12	2	3.00	55	2	2	..	..	..	3	..	55	2	2	2	10	50.00	100.00	125.00	.....	100.00	200.00	10.00	Good	Yes
Elliott	129	Mitchell	4	4	8	11	1	1.50 3.00	36	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	38	3	2	2	18	None	480.94	110.06	100.00	270.88	.....	.....	Good	Yes
Chantry	130	Southampton	2	..	2	11	....	1.50 2.50	61	..	1	..	..	..	3	1	58	1	..	..	20	None	400.00	100.00	300.00	115.00	300.00	.....	Better	Yes
Bernard	146	Listowel	7	3	10	12	1	2.00	49	..	4	..	..	1	..	2	50	4	2	2	25	None	375.00	200.00	200.00	170.00	150.00	10.00	Good	Yes

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 7.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Niagara District for the year 1916.

I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me, in electing me Grand Superintendent of this District. The duties of the office, while more or less exacting, have nevertheless been a great pleasure to me, and I shall always look back with happy remembrance on the many enjoyable visits I have had with the different Chapters in the District during the past year.

I have visited every Chapter in the District officially and have also paid several fraternal visits during the year, and wish to express my thanks to the officers and Companions of the various Chapters for the kindness with which they have received me and the help that they have given me. Harmony prevails throughout every Chapter in the District and, with one or two exceptions, they have made definite progress, both as to membership and financial matters.

In accordance with instructions received, I have on all my official visits brought to the attention of the different Chapters the matter of outstanding dues, Book of Marks, the revised instructions in the Ritualistic work, etc., and am pleased to report that these matters are now being properly attended to. From the accompanying report you will find considerable improvement in the amount of dues outstanding from the previous year.

Owing to local conditions, due to the war, and so many of our active Officers and Companions having enlisted and gone overseas, we were unable to arrange for a Chapter of Instruction in the District this year, but we have been trying to arrange, wherever possible,

for the different Chapters to pay a fraternal visit to some of the Chapters nearest to them and confer one of the degrees. While this does not take the place of a Chapter of Instruction, it has tended to make the officers proficient in the work of the different degrees, and also to improve the social and fraternal side of the Chapter meetings. Interchange of visits have already been held between Willson Chapter, No. 64, of Welland, and Mount Nebo, No. 76, of Niagara Falls, and arrangements made for visits between King Hiram, No. 57, Port Colborne, and Willson, No. 64, Welland ; also Mount Moriah, No. 19, St. Catharines, and Mount Nebo, No. 76, Niagara Falls, and no doubt others will be arranged during the winter months.

Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines. —I paid my official visit to this Chapter November 10th, accompanied by Ex. Comps. W. E. McCredie, W. H. Campbell and several Companions of Mount Nebo Chapter. I was cordially received by the Officers and Companions and, after the business of the evening was over, I had the pleasure of presenting a Past Z.'s jewel to the retiring First Principal, Ex. Comp. W. H. Horton, on behalf of Mount Moriah Chapter, which was duly acknowledged. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the Mark Master Mason degree, which was very ably and correctly conferred with Third Principal Ex. Companion Hare presiding, assisted by R. E. Comp. Burch and several Past Principals.

This Chapter is to be congratulated on having so many Right Excellent and Excellent Companions attending their meetings and taking an active part, which, no doubt, accounts for the very efficient and correct manner in which every detail of the various degrees are conferred. Besides being the oldest, this Chapter has also the largest membership, and is in the best financial condition of any in the District. In R. Ex. Comp. A. N. Lindsay, they have a very efficient Scribe E., the books and records being in excellent shape, and the prospects of the Chapter are very bright. After the labors of the evening were over, the

Companions repaired to the banquet table and an enjoyable hour was spent by all.

McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville.—I had the pleasure of paying my official visit to this Chapter at their regular Convocation November 17th, and was cordially received by the officers and large number of Companions present.

Owing to the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Thrush, having enlisted and gone overseas, the chair was ably filled by the I.P.Z., Ex. Comp. J. R. Robb. The Royal Arch degree was correctly exemplified on a large class of nine candidates by the officers, with Ex. Comp. W. J. Congdon acting as First Principal, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Parkes and V. Ex. Comp. Yocum. This being the home Chapter of our previous Grand Superintendent, R. Ex. Comp. G. E. Parkes, it is needless to say that the work of this Chapter is up to the standard in every particular and, with V. Ex. Comp. J. E. Yocum as Scribe E., the affairs of this Chapter are in the best of hands. The books, records and finances of the Chapter are in excellent shape.

I wish to commend this Chapter on its condition as to outstanding dues, for I find that out of a membership of eighty-eight, it has only twenty dollars outstanding, and it is to be hoped that the other Chapters in the District will endeavor to copy its example in this respect. After the close of the Chapter the Companions repaired to the Dunnville Club, where an excellent banquet had been prepared, and a pleasant time spent by all until the "Wee Sma' hours."

Niagara Chapter, No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake. —I paid my official visit to this Chapter at their Emergent Convocation December 21st, accompanied by Ex. Comp. C. W. Anderson, and received a hearty welcome from R. Ex. Comp. F. McClelland and the Companions present.

The Royal Arch degree was conferred by the regular officers in a very creditable manner, and while for the past year or two Niagara Chapter has fallen behind to some extent, there has been considerable improvement during the present year and, as I understand they have

several petitions for membership to be presented at their next regular Convocation, no doubt, within the next year or two, Niagara Chapter will be back in its old standing as one of the best Chapters in the District.

King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne.—I had the pleasure of paying my official and first visit to this Chapter at their regular Convocation, December 17th, and was tendered a very cordial reception by the officers and Companions, R. Ex. Comp. D. Ross, Ex. Comps. Douglas, Bampton, Boyle, and a number of Companions from Willson Chapter, Welland, being present. This being the date for the election of officers, after the regular business was over, the officers for the coming year were then elected. It had been the intention of the Ex. Z. to have exemplified the Most Excellent Master degree, but owing to the lateness of the hour it had to be deferred.

The work of the officers during the business and closing of the Chapter was done in a very capable manner, and the Chapter is to be congratulated on having such an attractive and comfortable Chapter room, with Ex. Comp. C. D. Winn as Scribe E.

I find the books and records to be well kept and, from all reports, there should be a considerable increase in membership and attendance during the coming year.

R. Ex. Comp. Ross and Ex. Comp. Douglas, on behalf of the Officers of the Willson Chapter, Welland, invited the officers and Companions of King Hiram Chapter to pay them a fraternal visit at their January meeting and confer the Most Excellent Master degree, which invitation was accepted by King Hiram Chapter, with the understanding that Willson Chapter should return the visit and confer one of the degrees.

After the business of the evening was over, a banquet was held and short speeches made by a number of visiting Companions, and a social hour enjoyed by all.

Willson Chapter, No. 64, Welland.—I had the pleasure of paying a fraternal visit to this Chapter at their regular Convocation, June 28th, which was Past Z.'s night, the Royal Arch degree being exemplified by

the Past First Principal of the Chapter, R. Ex. Comp. D. Ross acting as First Principal. This degree was conferred in a creditable manner and Willson Chapter is to be congratulated on having so many Past First Principals who still take an active interest in the Chapter work. After the business of the evening was over, I was requested to present a Past Principal's regalia to Ex. Comp. Boyle, which was duly acknowledged.

I paid my official visit to this Chapter November 29th and was received in a very cordial manner by Ex. Comp. Douglas and the Companions. This being the occasion of the return visit of Mount Nebo Chapter, the Royal Arch degree was conferred by the Officers of that Chapter in a very efficient manner, the work of the Principal Sojourner, Comp. W. E. Sells, and the Mystical Lecture by Ex. Comp. C. W. Anderson being especially fine. While I did not have the pleasure of seeing the officers of Willson Chapter confer a degree on this occasion, I know from previous visits that they are well skilled in the work of all three degrees, and with R. Ex. Comp. "Daddy" Ross always on hand to advise, I do not doubt but what their work will be equal to any in the District. This Chapter is the banner Chapter in the district for this year, having held 19 meetings, 10 regular and 9 emergent, and initiated 18 candidates, the prospects for the coming year are very bright. The books and records are very well kept, and the finances in excellent shape, and the Chapter is to be congratulated on having such an efficient Scribe E. as Comp. Geo. Sells. After the business of the evening was over the Companions adjourned to the Guild Hall, where an excellent banquet had been prepared by the ladies and a pleasant hour enjoyed by all.

Grimsby Chapter, No. 69, Grimsby.—I paid my official visit to Grimsby Chapter at their regular Convocation, December 4th, and received a very cordial reception from Ex. Comp. Wray and the Companions of the Chapter.

After the regular business the Chapter was closed in the Royal Arch degree and a lodge of Mark Master

Masons duly opened, and that degree exemplified in a very creditable manner by the regular officers, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Randall, Ex. Comp. Culp, and the closing charge given by our old friend, Ex. Comp. Dr. Milward, was as impressive as I have ever heard it given. While the past year has not been an active one for Grimsby Chapter, as far as new members go, it is in a very good position financially and, with the present officers, should show considerable improvement during the coming year. This Chapter has a complete Book of Marks, and I find the books and records very neatly and correctly kept by Comp. A. H. Phipps, Scribe E. At the conclusion of the work the Companions repaired to the banquet hall, where an excellent repast had been prepared and a social hour was enjoyed by all.

Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, Niagara Falls.—I visited officially this, my mother Chapter, June 16th, and was duly received by the Officers and Companions with the usual honors. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on a class of three candidates by Ex. Comp. McCredie and his officers, assisted by Ex. Comp. C. W. Anderson and E. L. Wallace, the degree being exemplified in a very able and impressive manner. The books and finances of this Chapter are in excellent shape and during the past year the attendance and interest in the Chapter work has increased considerably, due to the active work of Ex. Comp. McCredie and his officers. and prospects look bright for still further increase during the coming year.

On October 20th the officers and Companions of Willson Chapter, Welland, paid this Chapter a fraternal visit. About 35 or 40 came by special car and the officers, with Third Principal Ex. Comp. J. C. Gothard, conferred the Mark Master Mason degree. The degree was very impressively exemplified and the work of all the officers exceedingly well done, practically letter perfect. A number of visiting Companions from Niagara Chapter, Niagara Falls, N.Y., were also present. After the work of the evening was over, the Companions repaired to the banquet hall, where re-

freshments were served and a very enjoyable time spent, with speeches and songs.

HUGH MURRAY CHAPTER, NO. 184, BRIDGEBURG.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter November 14th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. W. H. Campbell, this being the first time I had the pleasure of visiting the youngest Chapter in the district. I was introduced by Ex. Comp. E. J. Jukes and received a hearty welcome from Ex. Comp. Wilbee and the Companions present.

After the regular business of the evening was over, there being no degree work, I asked the Ex. First Principal to proceed and exemplify the Mark Master Mason degree, and while this was hardly fair to the officers without having any previous notice or preparation, the regular officers, assisted by Ex. Comp. Jukes, exemplified the degree on one of their young members in a very creditable manner, considering the circumstances.

While for several years this Chapter was in a very flourishing condition, during the past year it has not made the usual advance, no new members being received and, as a consequence, the interest and attendance has fallen off to some extent. However, they have a number of young and energetic officers coming along and no doubt, with the active support and assistance of Ex. Comps. Jukes and Kees, they will soon put Hugh Murray Chapter back in the place it should hold in the District. I find the books and records very well kept and the Chapter has a very capable Scribe E. in Comp. North. After the close of the meeting refreshments were served and a social hour spent by all present.

Fraternally submitted,

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Grand Supt., Niagara District, No. 7.

Niagara Falls, Ont.

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7.

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrear.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Income Insurance.	Amt. Expended in Benevolence	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z work all Degrees ?
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Mt. Moriah	19	St. Catharines	11	1	12	18	2	1 50	177	6	6	2		1			184	6	11	13	30	Nil	2500 00	1200 00	1000 00	300 00	600 00	60 00	Good	Yes
McCallum	29	Dunnville	10	1	11	25	3	3 00 2 00	79	14	13	1			5		88	13	13	13		Nil	892 00	372 00	500 00	20 00	400 00	Nil	Good	Yes
Niagara	55	Niagara	4	3	7	10		1 20	41	3	3		1				45	1	3	3	10	20 00	400 00	28 20	300 00	40 00	300 00	Nil	Fair	Yes
King Hiram	57	Port Colborne	6		6	12	2	1 50	42	2	2				1		40	2			20	Nil	545 00	300 00	200 00	45 00	200 00	10 00	Good	Yes
Wilson	64	Welland	10	9	19	30	8	3 00	115	18	18					1	132	18	18	18	25	Nil	800 00	350 00	300 00	150 00	600 00	25 00	Good	Yes
Grimsby	69	Grimsby	9		9	25	2	2 00	103							1	103		1	1	30	Nil	500 00	200 00	240 00	60 00	700 00	10 00	Good	Yes
Mount Nebo	76	Niagara Falls	10	1	11	21	8	3 00	153	11	10		1			4	160	10	10	10	23	Nil	1750 00	1100 00	500 00	150 00	300 00	100 00	Good	Yes
Hugh Murray	184	Bridgeburg	10		10	10	1	3 00	46						3	1	42					Nil	615 00	200 00	400 00	15 00	300 00	Nil	Fair	Yes

TORONTO DISTRICT, NO. 8.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

As Grand Superintendent I have the honor of presenting a report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Toronto District, No. 8, for the year 1916.

I deem it my duty, however inadequately I may be able to perform it, to express to the Companions of the Toronto District my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in electing me as Grand Superintendent by an acclamation that was unique in spontaneity, brevity and unanimity. I wish also to say how much I appreciate the valuable assistance given to me by the distinguished Royal Arch Masons of the District. It is a pleasure to me to remember the kindnesses of the leading members of the Chapters, everywhere betokening a deep interest in Capitular Masonry and in the representative of the Grand First Principal. While I appreciate personally these evidences of respect, I do not forget that in them the Companions have done honor to themselves.

I gratefully acknowledge the invaluable assistance I have received from R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., who has been indefatigable in his efforts to establish the best conditions everywhere throughout the whole jurisdiction. There were also R. Ex. Comps. J. B. Brennan, G.R., B. Cairns, G.S.N., A. G. Horwood, R. J. Gibson, R. W. Brennan, Geo. McLeish, Past Grand Superintendents, whose cheerful readiness to assist me whenever the opportunity offered, I shall recall with great pleasure.

How best to serve the Toronto District so engaged my attention after my election, that I took no decisive step in any direction for several weeks. Then, remembering that Chapters take independent action on matters of common concern, sometimes at variance with each other's best interests, I resolved to bend my energies towards the consummation of union and con-

cord. I do not mean that there was discord which should be brought into harmony, but rather that by a previous understanding all might act in accord by passing resolutions in the interests of all. Further, by bringing the Companions together, there might be formed a bond of union and comradeship which would widen the influence of the Chapters and strengthen their hold upon the whole realm of Masonry.

A Principals' Association Formed.—I called a meeting of the First Principals of the Chapters throughout the District March 23rd, 1916, for the purpose of conferring on matter pertaining to the welfare of the District. All the Chapters were represented but one. The result of this meeting has been widespread. Sympathy and helpfulness has marked the year's work, and finally, after another conference September 26th, at a meeting of Principals and Past Principals held October 30th, an Association was formed which will be known as "The Principals' Association of Royal Arch Masons of the Toronto District, No. 8," the chief object of which will be to discuss matters pertaining to the welfare of Capitular Masonry. This Association will, no doubt, prove of great benefit to the Chapters.

Consecration and Dedication of Victoria Chapter, No. 205, Thornhill.—On April 12th, 1916, the Grand First Principal, the Grand Scribe E. and a goodly number of Royal Arch Masons proceeded to Thornhill by motor for the purposes of consecrating and Dedicating Victoria Chapter, No. 205. This interesting ceremony was performed by the Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, assisted by R. Ex. Comps. H. T. Smith, R. J. Gibson and other Excellent Companions who came to witness the ceremony. By command of the Grand Z., the Grand Superintendent presented the warrant and charged the First Principal, Ex. Comp. A. E. James, and the Companions with the responsibility of keeping it as a loan from Grand Chapter free from stain or dishonor.

Chapter of Instruction.—A Chapter of Instruction was held May 12th in the Freemasons' Hall, College Street. It had been announced that the

Grand Z. would be present, hence the hall was packed. The following distinguished Royal Arch Masons were present : M. Ex. Comps. W. S. R. Murch and F. W. Harcourt ; R. Ex. Comps. H. T. Smith, G.S.E. ; B. Cairns, G.S.N. ; J. B. Brennan, G.R. ; J. B. Nixon, G. Lecturer ; R. W. Clewlo, R. W. Brennan, E. M. Carleton, W. H. Shaw, A. G. Horwood, W. S. Milne, and W. J. McCollum.

As this was the date of the regular convocation of Occident Chapter, by special dispensation the Chapter opened at 4.20 p.m. in the usual form, Ex. Comp. T. B. Wells, First Principal, in the chair. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by the officers of the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, assisted by Ex. Comps. G. F. Weston and S. P. Ward, of Orient Chapter, No. 79. The officers of St. Andrew and St. John deserve credit for being able, on the briefest notice, to put on this degree in such a manner as to win encomiums from the Grand First Principal.

At 5.30 p.m. Occident Chapter conferred the Most Excellent Master degree in an admirable manner, as laid down by Grand Chapter, after which the Companions were invited to take dinner with the Companions of Occident Chapter, who had offered to provide the dinner for the District at their own expense. I had accepted their kind offer and I desire to express my thanks as well as the thanks of the District to Ex. Comp. Wells and his prosperous and successful Chapter for their hospitality.

At 8 p.m. the Convocation resumed and The Beaches Chapter conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree in a manner that deserved the highest praise. The precision, the enunciation, the tone, the spirit, the choral effect, were ideal and drew forth many expressions of pleasure and satisfaction.

M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch was tendered a hearty vote of thanks for his kindness in attending the meeting and for the advice and encouragement given to the Companions.

R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, G.S.E., explained the manner of according honors to officers of different

rank, and the Grand Superintendent gave an explanation of the method of sharing our secrets.

The Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, Toronto.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter Friday, May 19th, when the officers, with Ex. Comp. H. Eversfield, the First Principal, conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. This Chapter, whose first warrant hangs in the office of the Grand Scribe E. (who is the Archivist and Historian of this Chapter), is one hundred years old and has seen many ups and downs, but is now in a very satisfactory and hopeful condition. The Scribe E. is to be congratulated on his proficiency.

An interesting incident took place at the March Convocation of the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John when the Companions of the Chapter presented R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith with a beautiful illuminated address expressive of their pleasure on his election to the office of Grand Scribe E. M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, Grand Z., made the presentation in words of high appreciation of the merits of the Grand Scribe E., and the Companions expressed their approval by rounds of applause. The R. Ex. Comp. replied suitably and said he would hang their expression of good will in his office where it may be seen.

King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto.—I visited this Chapter officially, Thursday, May 25th, 1916, and witnessed the work of the officers in the Mark Master Mason degree. This Chapter has a strong array of Past Principals who take pride in their Chapter. The officers are inspired by their presence and strive to maintain the traditions of the past. The attendance was large and the Scribe E.'s books in satisfactory condition.

Doric Chapter, No. 60, Newmarket.—Accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. H. T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., and J. B. Brennan, Grand Registrar, and Ex. Comps. W. E. Hopkings and H. Eversfield, together with twenty or twenty-five Companions of the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, I paid my official visit to Doric Chapter November 1st, 1916. The

Mark Master Mason degree was conferred on a candidate who had come fifteen miles to receive it. He was a splendid type of manhood and deserves the best Doric Chapter can give him. We know the difficulties this Chapter is living in—few opportunities for rehearsal, long distances to cover to hold converse with a Companion. Considering these things the work was done with fair proficiency. With a difficult situation the Ex. First Principal has done very well.

York Chapter, No. 62, North Toronto.—I visited this Chapter at the regular Convocation in November and was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Gibson and warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp. E.C. Coath, the Fist Principal of the Chapter. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates in a very satisfactory manner. The work of the three Principals was good and that of the Principal Sojourner very satisfactory indeed. The Fourth degree formed a pleasant close to an enjoyable evening. This Chapter is holding its own and its future outlook is good.

St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, Toronto.—This Chapter was officially visited November 8th, 1916, when Ex. Comp. J. E. Cameron, the First Principal, conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree on three candidates in a highly efficient manner. The Principals, the Principal Sojourner, and in fact all the officers performed their work clearly and definitely, while the candidates reflected the solemn reverence which marks this beautiful degree. The Scribe E. is to be congratulated on the splendid manner in which the books of the Chapter are kept.

Occident Chapter, No. 77, Toronto.—On Friday, October 13th, 1916, the anniversary of Queenston Heights, I visited Occident Chapter and saw the officers confer the Mark Master Mason degree in a very satisfactory manner indeed. The books are well kept and the finances are in splendid shape, the assets amounting to $4200, while there is no liability. There seems to be a very earnest effort to live up to the desires of Grand Chapter. With two such Royal Arch Masons belonging to it as R. Ex. Comps. J. W. Hickson

and A. G. Horwood there can be no doubt of the success of this Chapter.

Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto.—I paid my first official visit to Orient Chapter May 11th, 1916. I was well received by Ex. Comp. G. F. Weston, the First Principal of the Chapter. The attendance was very small, there being only fourteen members and visitors present.

The officers of the Chapter conferred the Mark Master Mason degree with Ex. Comp. Weston in the chair. The work was performed in a satisfactory manner, but there is no doubt that the officers felt the dispiriting effect of the empty benches. Though the membership has been declining for some time, I understand that applications have been increasing and I hope that the long lane has reached the turn. Ex. Comp. S. P. Ward deserves great credit for standing by the Chapter in its days of shadow, as does also Comp. Moorhouse.

Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, Toronto.—I visited Antiquity Chapter October 25th, 1916. There was a very satisfactory attendance of members and visitors present. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Brennan and Ex. Comp. W. E. Hopkings. We were courteously received by Ex. Comp. McHenry, First Principal of Antiquity Chapter, and accorded Grand Honors, as representing the Grand First Principal. The officers gave a literal interpretation of the Most Excellent Master degree, but as the details were not exactly as laid down by the Grand Chapter of Canada I shall refrain from making any comment.

Succoth Chapter, No. 135, Toronto.—On October 27th, R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., Ex. Comp. W. E. Hopkings and I proceeded to Uxbridge to officially inspect the Succoth Chapter and enjoyed a very pleasant trip on our way.

The Chapter draws its membership from a wide field and, owing to unfortunate circumstances, the attendance was small but the quality was good. The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candi-

dates in an able manner by the First Principal, Comp. John M. Murray and his officers. This being the first time the officers had performed this degree, they are to be congratulated on their success. The Chapter is fortunate to have as a member V. Ex. Comp. V. M. Hare, who is a tower of strength to it. The books of the Chapter are well kept.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 138, Toronto.—I have frequently visited this Chapter and always found a welcome in it. On October 10th, 1916, I officially visited Shekinah Chapter and received, as usual, kindly words of greeting from Ex. Comp. W. J. Sheppard, the First Principal. The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates in such a manner as to show that all the wisdom is not in the East. The work was well performed by all the officers. V. Ex. Comp. W. J. Wadsworth is an efficient Scribe E. and he is arousing interest in the register of marks in the Mark Book. His books are in good condition.

The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, Toronto.—On Saturday, May 20th, 1916, I visited this Chapter and was cordially received by Ex. Comp. J. J. Shelley, First Principal of The St. Patrick Chapter. After preliminary matters were arranged, the officers of the Chapter put on the Holy Royal Arch degree. The best traditions of the Chapter were fully maintained in the work of the evening. Under the guiding hand of Ex. Comp. Shelley the Chapter has pulled up from second to first place in point of numbers. The standard set for The St. Patrick Chapter to aim at is a high one and we hope that the Excellent First Principal will have the pleasure and satisfaction of knowing that he has the support of every member. I feel especially grateful to Ex. Comp. J. J. Shelley for the very valuable assistance he has given to me this year.

The Beaches Chapter, No. 163, Toronto.—The Beaches Chapter has already been spoken of in connection with the Chapter of Instruction. I need not say anything further, but simply add, that on the occasion of my official visit with Ex. Comp. Geo. L. Gardiner in the First Principal's chair, the officers

again put on the Holy Royal Arch degree in the same beautiful manner as at the Chapter of Instruction. While we missed the beautiful orotund voice of the Ex. First Principal, we rejoice that he was demonstrating in a practical way that truly Masonic principle in a Military sense—allegiance to the sovereign of his native land. This official visit was made June 5th, 1916.

Toronto Chapter, No. 185, Toronto.—By request I arranged to pay my official visit to the Toronto Chapter on the occasion of their regular convocation in June, which came on the 19th. Your representative was well received, invited to come again and was again received with even stronger evidences of kindness. Ex. Comp. D. Colman has distinguished himself in his loyalty to the Grand First Principal and his representative in his desire to achieve something during his year in having good work done that will be of lasting benefit to his Companions. The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred in a manner that reflected credit upon the officers. Toronto Chapter is fortunate in having R. Ex. Comps. J. B. Brennan and R. W. Brennan, who are constantly proposing some interesting situation which lends attraction to Chapter work. Toronto Chapter is in a fair way to win out strongly.

Peel Chapter, No. 195, Brampton.—I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. Henry T. Smith, J. B. Brennan, B. Cairns, V. Ex. Comp. W. J. Wadsworth, Ex. Comps. J. J. Shelley, W. E. Hopkings, H. Eversfield, E. Lankin and Comp. J. R. Bulmer on the occasion of my official visit to Peel Chapter, June 6th. Through the kindness of R. Ex. Comp. B. Cairns and Ex. Comp. E. Lankin we had the pleasure of motoring to Brampton and were spared the vexatious delay in waiting for trains. The officers conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a very pleasing manner. The membership is small and the growth slow, but the officers are taking a deep interest in the work.

Victoria Chapter, No. 205, Thornhill.—I paid my official visit to Victoria Chapter June 11th, 1916, and had the pleasure and benefit of the company of

R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith and Ex. Comp. W. E. Hopkings. We were warmly received by Ex. Comp. J. E. Francis, the First Principal of the Chapter.

In the absence of a candidate we instituted a Chapter of Instruction and the officers of the Chapter worked the Mark Master Mason degree. Owing to the fact that the Chapter had only recently been consecrated and dedicated, and they had just received their warrant, the officers being elected in consequence, their proficiency is one of degree, but they have the right spirit and will soon overcome all obstacles.

JOSEPH WHYTE ROGERS,
Grand Supt., Toronto District, No. 8.

Toronto, Ont.

TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 8.

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St. Andrew and St. John	4	Toronto	10	2	12	30	6	5.00	211	12	11	1	1	5	16	14	189	11	11	4	4	.....	1159.55	698.20	360.00	101.35	250.00	.....	Good	Yes
King Solomon's	8	Toronto	10	4	14	32	10	4.00	248	34	25	4	..	4	3	2	268	25	25	22	21	.....	1301.78	715.03	265.00	321.75	100.00	59.45	Excel'nt	Yes
Doric	60	Newmarket	9	1	10	15	4	1.25	75	1	1	1	..	8	2	1	64	1	1	2	46	.....	229.00	103.00	.....	126.00	.....	5.00	.....	Yes
York	62	Toronto	10	4	14	18	2	3.60	95	..	11	..	..	..	3	2	101	11	9	9	...	44.25	612.88	323.28	200.00	89.60	200.00	15.00	Bright	Yes
St. Paul's	65	Toronto	9	2	11	24	3	6.00	218	9	6	3	..	..	..	5	222	6	6	5	2	339.85	3536.93	2901.93	600.00	35.00	500.00	187.00	Excel'nt	Yes
Occident	77	Toronto	10	3	13	59	12	3.00	448	22	17	..	..	7	36	6	416	17	17	19	25	.....	4200.00	3200.00	600.00	400.00	600.00	50.00	Excel'nt	Yes
Orient	79	Toronto	10	5	15	16	2	5.00	121	10	5	..	1	4	..	6	117	5	6	7	8	263.00	1196.92	500.60	570.00	126.32	500.00	6.25	Fair	Yes
Antiquity	91	Toronto	9	5	14	44	5	6.00	190	25	23	..	..	..	..	4	209	23	29	26	21	300.00	1100.00	.....	.....	105.25	400.00	36.00	Good	Yes
Succoth	135	Uxbridge	7	1	8	12	5	2.00	78	8	4	..	..	1	3	1	74	4	4	3	..	.....	633.00	25.00	500.00	108.00	400.00	20.00	Fair	Yes
Shekinah	138	Toronto	10	2	12	15	3	3.00	149	12	9	..	..	1	6	..	151	9	4	4	14	8.75	1332.25	160.00	250.00	222.25	250.00	.....	Good	Yes
The St. Patrick	145	Toronto	10	6	16	52	10	6.00	436	64	48	..	..	9	6	2	467	48	47	46	37	.....	4062.00	2727.00	500.00	835.00	300.00	121.00	Good	Yes
The Beaches	163	Toronto	10	2	12	27	14	6.00	76	6	9	..	..	3	..	1	81	9	6	8	6	90.00	821.44	290.34	414.10	117.00	400.00	.....	Good	Yes
Toronto	185	Toronto	10	7	17	30	10	4.00	138	36	26	2	..	2	6	..	158	26	29	29	4	.....	1000.00	246.34	753.66	10.00	750.00	.....	Excel'nt	Yes
Peel	195	Brampton	8	..	8	12	3	3.00	25	5	5	..	..	..	..	1	29	5	5	4	4	.....	133.00	.....	.....	42.00	.....	2.00	Fair	Yes
Victoria	205	Thornhill	8	..	8	11	6	3.00	20	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	2	5	1	38.00	172.00	.....	147.00	25.00	.....	.....	Good	

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Georgian District.

I take this opportunity of expressing my sincere appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the representatives of the District in recommending me to the M. Ex. the Grand Z., and to him for appointing me to so responsible a position as Grand Superintendent. I trust I have been able to discharge the duties pertaining to the office in a satisfactory manner. I have endeavored to use good judgment at all times and I have enjoyed the visits among the Companions of the various Chapters. I was received, without exception when visiting the Chapters, with the greatest respect and cordiality as the representative of the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal and, so far as I could judge, peace and harmony prevail throughout the District.

It has been my endeavor to establish uniformity in the work, as far as possible, throughout the District. In this connection, however, I found the work well and uniformly done, which testifies to the efficiency of the work of the Grand Superintendents who have preceded me. The presence of the Past Principals in most of the Chapters is very encouraging, as it aids in keeping up the interest and insures efficiency in the administration of the affairs of the Chapters.

Owing probably to the war Capitular Masonry in this district has not received as much support during the past year as was expected, but the enthusiasm of the officers and Companions more than compensates for the lack of new material.

COUCHICHING CHAPTER, NO. 198, ORILLIA.—I visited this Chapter accompanied by Comp. Francis P.

Warne, Bracebridge, October 26th, 1916, and was enthusiastically received by the Companions, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates in an almost faultless manner by Ex. Comp. H. Parsons, First Principal, ably supported by the Second and Third Principals. The work of the Principal Sojourner, Masters of the Veils and Scribes was well rendered. The books are well kept and dues well in hand. After the Chapter was closed a very pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room. The Orillia Companions are royal entertainers, peace and harmony prevail, with prospects of a bright future in store for this, the youngest Chapter in the District.

MACPHERSON CHAPTER, NO. 86, MEAFORD.—I made my official visit to this Chapter November 16th and was most cordially received. Here I had the pleasure of seeing the Most Excellent Master degree conferred on three candidates by Ex. Comp. J. A. Sinclair and his splendid staff of officers in a very creditable manner. The interest and enthusiasm that is created in this Chapter is due to the attendance of so many of the Past Z.'s, who are able to take part in any of the degrees, especially the Principal Sojourner, Comp. A. Burritt, who has passed the four-score mark. The financial interests of the Chapter are carefully looked after by a most active Scribe E. At the close a very enjoyable banquet was provided which brought to an end a very pleasant evening. The prospects of McPherson Chapter look bright.

KICHIKEWANA CHAPTER, NO. 167, MIDLAND.—This Chapter was very kind to me in calling a special emergent Convocation for my official visit, November 23rd, in order to make my official visits to Midland and Collingwood follow one night after another. Ex. Comp. W. J. Martin, First Principal, occupied the chair. Two candidates were to have been there for the Mark Master Mason and the Most Excellent Master degrees, but they were unable to attend. After the routine business was completed, the Chapter was closed. Some time was spent in exemplifying the floor work of the Most Excellent Master degree. Ex. Comp.

R. D. Keefe, Scribe E., has his books in first class condition and the dues are closely looked after. At the close refreshments were served and a pleasant social time was spent together.

Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter November 24th, and it is needless to say this was one of the visits that I shall long remember. Manitou Chapter was celebrating their semi-centennial and the officers and Companions were at a high pitch of enthusiasm. I was welcomed by the officers of the Chapter on my arrival at the Northern town and was received in open Chapter, at which there was a very large gathering and some prominent Companions present, amongst them being the founder of Manitou Chapter in the person of M. Ex. Comp. Henry Robertson, a Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada ; also R. Ex. Comp. J. Sparling, of Meaford Chapter. The Holy Royal Arch degree was conferred by the Past Principals, after the routine work of the Chapter had been completed by the regular officers. The work, both by the Principals and the Past Principals, was a revelation to me and it was almost faultlessly conferred. At this Convocation the election of Officers also took place and there was the general promotions. The books of this Chapter are in excellent shape, collections and correspondence well attended to, and in the person of Comp. Capt. G. C. Coles, who was re-elected for the fourth term as Scribe E., there is no fear of the clerical work of this Chapter being neglected. A sumptuous banquet after the Chapter closed was of a most pleasant nature and I have seldom been at one in which I have noticed more harmony. Several excellent speeches were made by Companions in attendance. I shall always hold Manitou Chapter in my memory as an example and I am indebted to the Companions for their courtesy to me.

Signet Chapter, No. 34, Barrie.—I made my official visit to this Chapter December 12th and was most heartily received. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates by Ex. Comp. J. B. Barr and his officers in a creditable manner and the Principal

Sojourner is to be congratulated for the excellent way he rendered his important portion of the ceremony. The officers for the ensuing year were elected and a very enthusiastic staff it will be. There were also five applications for exaltation and one for affiliation. This is one of the strongest Chapters in the District and its prospects are bright for the future. The books are well kept and the clerical work ably performed by R. Ex. Comp. Fred W. Otton. After the Chapter closed, a very enjoyable hour was spent in the banquet room.

Grand River Chapter, No. 70, Bracebridge.—This being my home Chapter, I have attended all the Convocations held but the last one. The Chapter has not made much progress during the year, owing to the want of material, but the prospects look brighter for the future. The books of the Chapter are well kept, the finances are in good condition, as one would expect with Comp. F. P. Warne as Scribe E., who has held the office for many years.

Amabel Chapter, No. 131, Wiarton.—I had arranged to visit this Chapter January 4th, 1917, but owing to illness I was prevented from doing so. I appointed R. Ex. Comp. S. E. Foster, Past Grand Supt., to visit officially and report to me, which he did as follows: "Amabel Chapter, for many years after it had been instituted, was in good condition from almost every standpoint. It is true that the Companions early recognized that the number of Master Masons from which they could draw to recruit their ranks was very limited; nevertheless, they felt that they were doing good work and so long as candidates were forthcoming in anything like sufficient numbers, everything went well, but during the last year or two the prospects of the Chapter have not been so bright. The chief reason for this is that the number of Craft Masons initiated has considerably diminished, almost entirely because good material at present is not available. This, coupled with the departure of Companions from the town, has so depleted our ranks that it has been very difficult to obtain a quorum. In short, we believe our membership resident and non-resident is still

sufficient to meet our financial obligations, but our resident membership is rather too diminished to guarantee a meeting without some drumming up.

"Amabel Chapter, however, is loathe to surrender its Charter and a determined effort is being made to secure a few more live members from the Craft to ensure more successful meetings and to keep it going until better times come again. No work was exemplified on the occasion of my visit, but Amabel Chapter has almost invariably been quite proficient in this respect and Capitular Masonry has not suffered."

My especial thanks are due R. Ex. Comp. S. E. Foster for his kindness in visiting Amabel Chapter for me.

Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound.—I regret, owing to illness, I was unable to fix a date to visit this Chapter and the Companions kindly held an emergent Convocation January 26th and arranged with R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Wright to visit the Chapter for me, for which I wish to extend my sincere thanks to R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Wright and the Companions of Georgian Chapter for the kindness shown. He reported as follows: "At your request I visited Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound, on the evening of Friday, January 26th, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred by the officers for the year 1916 upon four candidates. The work was done in a very satisfactory manner and I can readily state that the officers are proficient in their work. The finances of the Chapter are also in a healthy condition and the Chapter generally is in a flourishing condition, there being twelve additions to the membership during the year."

Before closing this report I wish again to thank the Companions of the District for their many courtesies extended to me during the year. I have endeavored to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability, and if I failed in any way, it was not for the want of an honest effort on my part.

Fraternally submitted,

Walter H. Brown,
Grand Supt., Georgian District, No. 9.

Bracebridge, Ont.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9.

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Couchiching	198	Orillia	10	4	14	21	1	3.00	64	8	9	..	..	..	..	1	72	9	8	8	7	.....	.....	226.97	500.00	21.00	400.00	35.00	Good	Yes
Macpherson	86	Meaford	5	..	5	20	4	2.00	65	5	5	..	..	..	..	3	64	8	3	..	9	.....	256.00	250.00	500.00	.....	.....	5.00	Good	Yes
Kichikewana	167	Midland	5	2	7	13	2	3.00	98	2	1	..	1	1	1	96	1	2	2	1	75.00	348.00	48.00	300.00	12.00	300.00	.....		Good	
Manitou	27	Collingwood	10	..	10	20	2	2.00	148	3	3	..	1	..	2	3	142	3	3	3	57	113.50	646.00	100.00	375.00	150.00	400.00	20.00	Fair	Yes
Amabel	131	Wiarton	1	..	1	10	..	2.00	49	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49	..	..	..	33	.....	291.37	57.08	234.29	213.50	200.00	.....	Not good	With Assist
Grand River	70	Bracebridge	6	..	6	10	..	2.00	80	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	81	1	..	..	35	.....	126.00	618.14	225.00	126.00	150.00	.....	Good	Yes
Signet	34	Barrie	4	1	5	12	..	2.00	180	2	2	..	..	4	3	2	151	2	2	2	98	.....	2580.00	280.00	2300.00	240.50	.....	5.00	Good	Yes
Georgian	56	Owen Sound	10	1	11	14	1	3.00	138	..	12	1	1	..	11	3	137	12	11	8	74	.....	1260.00	660.00	600.00	357.00	300.00	10.00	Good	Yes

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 10.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I have much pleasure in presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Ontario District, No. 10. I am pleased to state that peace and harmony prevail throughout the District. Not a complaint of any kind from any Chapter has been presented to me and the carrying out of the duties of my office has been a pleasure.

I have visited the twelve Chapters of the District, some I found in a healthy condition, while others are less active. In most Chapters I found the effect of the Great War too plainly visible. In some cases the officers had enlisted, while in others many of the Companions are at the front. The remark made in one Chapter by a Companion was, "I glory in the small attendance present because so many of the Companions are absent fighting for King and Country."

IONIC CHAPTER, NO. 168, CAMPBELLFORD.—I made my first official visit to this Chapter March 17th. The Royal Arch degree was conferred. The officers had their work well in hand and the degree was put on in a very impressive manner. The Mystical Lecture was deserving of particular mention. Ionic Chapter is the youngest Chapter in the District and yet one of the most active.

MIDLAND CHAPTER, NO. 94, LINDSAY.—I visited this Chapter May 10th. The attendance was small for so large a town, which was happily explained by one Companion, it was because so many of their Companions were absent at the war. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a very able manner. Ex. Comp. Hall accompanied me and the Companions of Midland Chapter gave us a royal welcome.

VICTORIA CHAPTER, NO. 37, PORT HOPE.—I visited this Chapter October 13th. M. Ex. Comp. Murch,

who happened to be in town on that date, was present and added much to the profit and pleasure of the evening. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred on three candidates. The Third Principal occupied the chair, while the work was in progress and filled the office in a very efficient manner. At the close of the degree the Grand First Principal gave a short address on the work in hand, which was most interesting and instructive. Victoria Chapter has always been among the most progressive in the District.

St. Andrew's, No. 139, Havelock.—I visited this Chapter October 16th and found the Chapter in rather a disorganized shape owing to the fact that their First Principal lives out of town and had not been present since his election. There was no work on. However, I had accompanying me the officers from my own Chapter and at the request of the officers of St. Andrew's Chapter, they exemplified the Most Excellent Master degree so that the evening proved to be a very profitable one.

Warkworth Chapter, No. 110, Warkworth.—I visited this Chapter October 17th. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a very efficient manner, with Ex. Comp. Humphries, a man of 80 years of age, in the Chair, acting as First Principal. The Companions of Ionic Chapter attended, many of whom still retain their membership in Warkworth Chapter. I found the books in a most satisfactory condition.

Keystone Chapter, No. 35, Whitby.—I visited this Chapter October 20th. At this meeting three candidates presented themselves for the Mark Master Mason degree. The First Principal of this Chapter was absent fighting for his country. The work was exemplified in an able manner with Scribe E., Comp. Van Valkenburgh, acting as First Principal. While the Chapter is suffering from the First Principal's absence, yet the remaining officers are doing their best to keep up the interests of the Chapter.

Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa.—I visited this Chapter November 7th. The Mark Master Mason

degree was exemplified on my official visit. The officers had the work well in hand. The musical part of the degree was of an unusual lively nature and added much to the interest of the meeting. A large number of Companions were present from Bowmanville.

King Darius Chapter, No. 134, Cannington.—I visited this Chapter November 17th. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred on one candidate. The officers were well posted in their work, but there was no musical accompaniment, which is a most necessary feature to the success of this degree. The books of the Scribe E. were in a very satisfactory condition.

Presqu' Isle Chapter, No. 144, Brighton.—I visited this Chapter November 10th. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred at this meeting. The First Principal was not present and Ex. Comp. O. L. Morrow filled the chair in a most able manner. The degree as exemplified by the officers was interesting. The Scribe E.'s books are particularly well kept only two Companions being in arrears.

Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterborough.—I visited this Chapter November 24th. At this Convocation the Fourth degree took place before the Chapter opened. This, I think, is a good feature, especially when there is much work to be done. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a most able manner, the large Chapter room adding much to the effect of the floor work. Corinthian Chapter has three Blue Lodges to draw from and this support keeps it in a flourishing condition.

Excelsior Chapter, No. 45, Colborne.—I visited this Chapter November 28th. The Royal Arch degree was conferred. The officers without an exception were well up in their work and the degree was most impressively conferred. I found Scribe E.'s books in a very satisfactory condition.

St. John's, No. 48, Cobourg.—I made my official visit to this, my own Chapter, December 8th. At this Convocation we were favored with the presence of our

Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified. Music was introduced, which added much to the whole effect. At the close the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal was pleased to compliment the Principals and Officers upon the very able manner in which they had performed their work. Several Past Grand Chapter Officers were present, besides Companions from Colborne and Port Hope. The "Fourth" degree was a very pleasant event.

In summing up my observations of Capitular Masonry throughout the District, I find the universal law true, *viz.*, that each Chapter is getting out of Royal Arch Masonry exactly what it is putting into it. Where a Chapter is run on business methods, where the meetings are begun promptly on time and the officers enthused with their work, there I find the meetings well attended and the interest well sustained. But in Chapters where the reverse was true, where I had to wait an hour after regular starting time before a quorum could be got together, although there was a large membership on the roll, here I found the officers disheartened and had a struggle to keep the Chapter in existence.

I wish to thank the Companions of Ontario District for the kind reception accorded me by every Chapter that I visited.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

J. H. Purdy,
Grand Supt., Ontario District, No. 10.

Cobourg, Ont.

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Presqu' Isle	144	Brighton	8	..	8	13	....	1.50	41	1	1	1	..	2	..	2	38	1	..	..	19	.....	450.00	100.00	400.00	28.50	250.00	.....	Good	Yes
St. John's	48	Cobourg	12	1	13	25	3	2.00	72	6	6	3	..	..	8	1	72	6	6	6	50	25.00	200.00	.....	.....	100.00	750.00	.....	Good	
Excelsior	45	Colborne	10	1	11	15	1	3.00	75	3	3	..	..	..	..	1	77	3	3	3	30	.....	300.00	.....	300.00	25.00	300.00	10.00	Good	Yes
King Darius	134	Cannington	5	..	5	9	2	2.00	55	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55	..	..	..	12	.....	275.00	30.00	.....	85.00	275.00	.....	Fair	Yes
Ionic	168	Campbellford	9	3	12	18	3	2.00	72	7	7	..	..	..	..	1	78	7	6	8	5	.....	1010.00	650.00	360.00	24.00	350.00	20.00	Good	Yes
Havelock	139	Havelock	6	..	6	10	4	2.00	60	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	60	1	1	1	12	.....	100.00	.....	400.00	40.00	200.00	.....	Doubtf'l	No
Midland	94	Lindsay	8	..	8	9	....	2.00	114	10	9	..	..	5	1	..	123	9	9	8	..	.....	.....	396.00	250.00	.....	200.00	.....	.....	Yes
Pentalpha	28	Oshawa	9	..	9	20	2	1.50	104	9	5	..	1	..	..	1	110	5	..	..	26	.....	1000.00	725.00	275.00	110.50	200.00	81.50	Fair	Yes
Corinthian	36	Peterborough	9	..	9	25	2	3.50	149	6	5	3	2	..	..	2	157	5	5	5	14	.....	1000.00	500.00	500.00	86.50	Fully	25.00	Good	Yes
Victoria	37	Port Hope	10	1	11	15	2	1.50 2.00	123	5	4	1	2	..	..	2	128	4	4	4	29	.....	641.00	413.82	550.00	73.85	500.00	5.00	Good	Yes
Keystone	35	Whitby	8	1	9	..	....	2.00	70	5	6	..	..	..	5	..	71	6	6	6	25	50.00	300.00	100.00	200.00	100.00	300.00	20.00	Good	Yes
Warkworth	110	Warkworth	5	1	6	15	1	1.00	46	2	2	0	..	2	..	..	46	2	2	2	18	.....	450.00	150.00	300.00	50.00	250.00	5.00	Good	Yes

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 11.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Prince Edward District, No. 11, for the year 1916.

I have visited every Chapter in the District officially, and have found the condition of Capitular Masonry generally satisfactory, though the average attendance is not what it should be. The highest degree of efficiency in the working of the Chapters will not be reached, nor the full benefit of the teachings of the Order realized until the members feel it obligatory to attend more regularly.

PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, No. 31, PICTON.—I visited this Chapter November 13th and received a warm welcome from the Companions. As the night was stormy the attendance was not so large as it would have been under more favorable weather. As this was the night for the election of officers there was no degree work. Comp. J. L. Graydon, Scribe E., keeps his books in excellent condition and the dues are well collected.

ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, No. 26, TRENTON.—I visited this Chapter November 14th. The town of Trenton is booming and many are seeking admission to the Chapter. The Chapter has had a very prosperous year. The work was exceedingly well done. R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer keeps the books of the Chapter in good condition, the dues well collected, and keeps a fatherly eye on everything connected with the welfare of the Order.

MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, No. 44, NAPANEE.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter November 15th, and received a very cordial welcome. As this was the night for election of officers, there was no degree work con-

ferred, but everything seemed to be working harmoniously and the Companions evinced the utmost enthusiasm and hopefulness for a bright future for Mount Sinai Chapter.

THE MOIRA CHAPTER, No. 7, BELLEVILLE.—On December 5th I paid my official visit to this Chapter. This Chapter, like St. Mark's, has had a very successful year. The Chapter has a very efficient staff of officers. The work moves like a piece of well-oiled machinery, with all its parts in perfect working order, and the candidate receives a favorable and lasting impression of the degree conferred on him. Comp. L. C. Yeomans keeps the books in good condition and considering the large membership has very few members in arrears.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 72, STIRLING.—I visited this Chapter December 6th. This Chapter's prospects of a year ago have been fully realized. In the numbers added, the character of the work done, the state of its finances, and in the manner in which Comp. James McC. Potts, Scribe E., keeps the books, Keystone Chapter has a very satisfactory record. The manner in which the Mark book is kept is especially commendable to the Scribe E.

MADOC CHAPTER, No. 161, MADOC.—As this is my mother Chapter, I have had many opportunities of learning the actual conditions here. Madoc Chapter has suffered much through the frequent removals of its Companions to other parts, and has had a hard struggle to keep the Chapter in existence. This last year things have been better than in many years for the Chapter, and the prospects are very bright. Special efforts are being made to collect the arrears of dues, but there are at present altogether too many Companions of the Chapter in arrears.

Fraternally submitted,

A. H. WATSON,
Grand Supt., Prince Edward District, No. 11.

Madoc, Ont.

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The Moira	7	Belleville	9	2	11	26	3	2.00	182	19	12	1	1	2	7	2	182	12	14	13	15	.....	202.86	In cash	.....	30.00	.....	36.00	Good	Yes
St. Mark's	26	Trenton	10	3	13	17	4	2.00	86	20	12	..	..	1	..	1	96	12	12	7	46	48.25	1066.04	540.67	386.22	139.15	300.00	115.00	A1	Yes
Prince Edward	31	Picton	10	..	10	23	1	2.50 1.50	158	3	1	2	..	2	..	1	158	1	2	3	..	.....	300.00	150.00	.....	80.00	275.00	15.00	Good	Yes
Mount Sinai	44	Napanee	7	1	8	15	1	2.00	81	7	4	3	..	..	..	1	87	4	5	4	32	20.00	423.00	23.00	400.00	210.00	400.00	15.00	Good	Yes
Keystone	72	Stirling	12	..	12	15	1	3.00	67	10	9	..	1	1	5	..	71	9	7	7	3	.....	670.00	400.00	300.00	83.50	200.00	50.00	Good	Yes
Madoc	161	Madoc	12	..	12	10	....	2.00 2.50	71	8	8	..	..	..	..	2	77	8	6	6	57	.....	700.00	.....	700.00	455.00	400.00	.....	Good	Yes

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 12.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District for the past year. I visited every Chapter at least once, and my reception was most cordial in every instance. With the exception of the Mark Register (which is practically a blank) I find the books of the Chapters well kept and the Scribes E. faithfully performing their duties. The attendance in a number of Chapters is not what it should be and I hope and trust that there will be an improvement in this respect the coming year.

Some of the Chapters are handicapped by the absence of officers, who are showing their devotion to their King and Country, by enlisting for Overseas duties, and several of the officers have changed their place of residence, but in all cases the vacancies were well filled by the loyal Past Principals of the respective Chapters. The instructions adopted at the last Convocation of the Grand Chapter for the floor work in the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees have everywhere received the hearty approval of the Companions.

GRENVILLE CHAPTER, No. 22, PRESCOTT.—I visited this Chapter first at its regular Convocation, June 13th, accompanied by Ex. Comps. Axon, Bellamy, Cumming and Dunn. The attendance was not large, several officers being absent. The work of the evening was the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees, which were conferred in an impressive manner by Ex. Comp. A. G. Ball and officers, who were assisted by some of the visitors. The membership of this Chapter is largely rural and the enthusiasm that should be found among the members has been lacking. I visited the Chapter again January 9th, and installed the

officers. The attendance was good and I have hopes that the present year will see some progress, as the new officers are enthusiastic Masons and promised to do their best to place this Chapter on the active list again.

St. John's Chapter, No. 112, Morrisburg.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter at their regular meeting, October 17th, and received a hearty welcome from the Companions, many of whom I had met before. The Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees were conferred on one candidate in an excellent manner by the officers, who are all enthusiastic Royal Arch Masons. I was very pleased to meet again R.Ex. Comp. Davy, who is always on hand to assist and advise, and is mainly responsible for the excellent condition of this Chapter. The books are well kept by Comp. B. A. Herring and the prospects of this Chapter are bright. After the Chapter was closed an enjoyable hour was spent in the banquet room.

Covenant Chapter, No. 113, Cornwall.—My visit to this Chapter was paid October 18th, and although my visit was not mentioned in the summons there was a fairly good attendance, and I was accorded a hearty reception by the Companions. As there was no candidate in waiting I did not ask the officers to do any work, but arranged for them to take charge of the Mark Master Mason degree at the Chapter of Instruction in Kingston. The manner in which they discharged their duties on that occasion was a credit to the Chapter. I must congratulate this Chapter on its having such an energetic and capable Scribe E. as Comp. Ridley. The outstanding dues, per capita, are the smallest in the District. The prospects of the Chapter are good.

Maitland Chapter, No. 68, North Augusta.—Accompanied by a number of Brockville Companions, I visited this Chapter October 20th. The night was very stormy, but there was a good attendance of the Companions. While this may be the smallest Chapter in numbers, the old reliables have determined to keep this Chapter on the active list and it is the only Chapter in the District to show an increase in membership.

With R.Ex. Comp. Waddell and other Principals to aid and advise I may safely say that the prospects of this Chapter are good. There was no work done but three applications were received and they have since been accepted and advanced. The opening and closing of the Chapter, as well as the general business, was conducted in a very creditable manner. Light refreshments were served at the close of the meeting and a very pleasant hour was spent.

Leeds Chapter, No. 132, Gananoque.—On November 1st, I visited this Chapter and received a most cordial greeting from the Companions. The attendance was fair. There was no work, so instead of asking them to exemplify any of the degrees I suggested that they confer the Most Excellent Master degree at the Chapter of Instruction which they willingly consented to do. The degree was conferred by them on that occasion in a most creditable manner. This Chapter has excellent quarters and regalia, but the attendance is not what it should be. Of late years their zeal seems to have abated and they are falling behind. Since my first visit they have had a very severe loss in the death of their Second Principal, Ex. Comp. W. W. Bennett, who was a very efficient officer. On January 3rd I again visited this Chapter in company with M.Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, and assisted him in the installation of the officers. The encouraging remarks and advice given by the Grand Z. will, I have no doubt, bring forth good fruit, and I think we may with confidence look for a better report next year

Sussex Chapter, No. 59, Brockville.—This being my mother Chapter, I was present at nearly every meeting and occasionally assisted in the degree work. I made my official visit on December 15th and the chief order of the business was the election of the officers. The removal of several of the officers made it necessary to strengthen the staff by electing one of the old reliable P.Z.'s as H., and re-electing the Z. for the second term. The outstanding dues of this Chapter are, in my opinion, altogether too large. The prospects of the Chapter are good and the work will compare

favorably with any in the District. The books are well kept by R. Ex. Comp. J. Greene, who in the past as well as this year, has rendered me valuable assistance.

St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, Brockville.—I attended this Chapter at nearly every meeting and officially visited it November 2nd, when I received a warm welcome from the First Principal and Companions. The attendance was the best of the year. The work of the evening was the Royal Arch degree. The attendance of this Chapter has been falling off and amalgamation with Sussex Chapter was talked of, but some of the Companions were opposed to the change. They have elected several Past Principals for the year 1917 and are trying to retrieve lost ground. The report shows a condition which might be improved, but the Chapter cannot be classed as weak as they have a good membership and their finances are in a good condition. The Scribe E., V.Ex. Comp. Morrison, has his books in good shape, and I am expecting a better showing for the incoming year.

Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston.—I had the pleasure of visiting this really ancient Chapter on their regular meeting November 17th. I was met at the station by M.Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, who took me to the Chapter room, where I was most cordially received by a large number of Companions and accorded the honors due the representative of the Grand First Principal. The Chapter has been ably presided over by Ex. Comp. Campbell, I.P.Z., as the First Principal, shortly after his installation departed for duties overseas in the service of his King and Country. The Mark Master Mason degree was on the order paper, but the candidate did not present himself, and I did not ask to have any work done. After the general business was disposed of and matters of general interest discussed, M. Ex. Comp. Shaw conducted an examination of a visitor in the several degrees, which was very instructive and much appreciated by all. The fourth degree was well exemplified at the close.

Chapter of Instruction.—A Chapter of Instruction was held in the Chapter rooms of Ancient Frontenac

and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston, on the afternoon and evening of November 27th. Every Chapter but one was well represented, and the following programme was carried out as arranged :

At 3.30 p.m.—Opening Mark Master Mason Lodge and Conferring Mark Master Mason degree by Ex. Comp. A. C. Wyatt and the officers of Covenant Chapter, No. 113, Cornwall.

At 4.45 p.m.—Opening Most Excellent Master Lodge and conferring Most Excellent Master degree by Ex. Comp. J. J. Davis and officers of Leeds Chapter, No. 132, Gananoque. Banquet in Chapter room at 6.30 p.m.

Opening Royal Arch Chapter at 8.15 p.m., by Ex. Comp. W. M. Campbell and officers of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston. Reception of the Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch and other Grand Chapter Officers.

Conferring Royal Arch degree at 8.45 p.m., by Ex. Comp. F. Bellamy and officers of Sussex Chapter, No. 59, and St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, Brockville.

Except for minor imperfections, which were discussed and corrected, the work of the several Chapters was well done and reflects credit on the officers in charge. The attendance on the whole was very good and the meeting was generally conceded to be an unqualified success. We were honored on the occasion by the presence of M. Ex. Comp. Murch, who for our instruction at the close of the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees exemplified with the assistance of the officers in charge, the floor work of the degrees. After the Chapter was closed we again repaired to the banquet hall, where the good things prepared by Comp. Bunt were partaken of, after which the usual toasts were honored. The address delivered by the Grand Z. was both instructive and interesting, and well repaid all for their attendance. I am very grateful to the First Principals and officers who so willingly responded to my request in exemplifying the several degrees and otherwise assisted in making the meeting a success.

Joint Installation.—On January 4th a joint meeting of the two Brockville Chapters was held for the purpose

of installing the officers elected and appointed for 1917. That duty was performed by your Grand Superintendent, assisted by Ex. Comps. J. W. Mitchell, A. E. Geiger and T. Cumbers, and from my personal knowledge of the Companions installed we may expect special mention to be made of these Chapters in next year's report.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Companions of St. Lawrence District for the honor conferred upon me at the last Convocation of the Grand Chapter and sincerely hope that my efforts to fill the office of Grand Superintendent have not been in vain. I have to thank the Companions of the different Chapters for the kind welcome and many courtesies extended which has made my term in the office very pleasant and long to be remembered. To M. Ex. Comp. Murch for his timely advice and assistance and the Grand Scribe E. for so promptly replying to all communications with the information requested, I am deeply grateful.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. L. Stein,
Grand Supt., St. Lawrence District, No. 12.

Brockville, Ont.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 12

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Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui	1	Kingston.....	10	1	11	30	4	3.00	156	12	9	1	..	1	6	4	155	9	9	9	28	None	.....	559.68	400.00	.....	400.00	75.00	Excel'nt	Yes
Grenville.....	22	Prescott.....	6	..	6	11	1	2.00	52	1	1	..	1	1	4	1	48	1	1	2	5	.....	250.00	61.00	145.00	44.00	200.00	5.00	Fair	Yes
Sussex.....	59	Brockville.....	8	..	8	20	5	2.00	138	7	4	..	..	2	..	5	135	4	4	4	36	35.90	874 79	303 59	208.40	362.80	200.00	5 00	Good	Yes
Maitland.....	68	North Augusta.	7	1	8	12	2	1.00	32	3	3	..	..	..	1	..	34	3	3	..	6	None	320.00	100.00	200.00	20.00	.....	10.00	Good	Yes
St. Lawrence.....	100	Brockville.....	10	..	10	..	..	2.00	93	1	1	..	..	2	2	2	88	1	1	1	11	4.00	540.71	268.71	150.00	126.00	200.00	5.00	Good	Yes
St. John's.....	112	Morrisburg....	6	..	6	12	1	2.00	76	3	3	1	2	2	3	1	76	3	3	3	32	48.75	619.85	535.90	200.00	83.95	275.00	10.00	Bright	Yes
Covenant.....	113	Cornwall.....	9	1	10	13	2	2.50 1.50	110	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	110	1	1	2	11	None	921.00	595.00	300.00	26.00	225.00	40.00	Good	Yes
Leeds.....	132	Gananoque....	6	1	7	14	1	2.00 2.00	104	..	..	..	..	3	2	2	97	..	..	1	12	1.00	637.50	172.00	400.00	65.50	400.00	.....	Fair	Yes

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 13.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I submit herewith my report, as Grand Superintendent, on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Ottawa District for the year 1916.

During the year I have visited all the Chapters in my District, and it is gratifying to report that conditions are as favorable as can be expected. In fact, it is remarkable that the Chapters have made such progress in view of the existing circumstances that have prevailed for the past two years. I witnessed the conferring of the work at each of my official visits, there being candidates in every instance but one, and in this case a substitute was procured so that the degree might be worked. The Companions who have been entrusted with the management of the affairs of the various Chapters are of a superior class and well qualified for their respective duties. I have had the greatest courtesy and attention shown me throughout my tenure of office, for which I am truly thankful.

GLENGARRY CHAPTER, NO. 143, MAXVILLE.—My first official visit was paid to this Chapter April 28th, when I was well received and hospitably entertained. The attendance was rather small but enthusiastic. Ex. Comp. G. H. McDougall, the First Principal, with his officers, conferred the Most Excellent Master degree on one candidate, the work being quite satisfactory. This Chapter has very suitable quarters, well furnished and should prosper. I believe the prospects of Glengarry Chapter are a little brighter than they have been in the past ; however, there is still room for improvement, and if more of the Companions would interest themselves to a greater extent, the officers would be much more encouraged in their work and the results would, I am certain, be greatly beneficial to the Chapter as well as to Royal Arch Masonry in general.

LAURENTIAN CHAPTER, NO. 151, PEMBROKE.—I visited this Chapter May 18th. There was a good attendance, including several Companions of Bonnechere Chapter, Renfrew. Ex. Comp. J. H. Leach, Z., presided, and on behalf of his Chapter extended a warm welcome. The Royal Arch degree was conferred upon three candidates, the work being well done and in an impressive manner. This Chapter has been making steady progress since its revival in 1913, and I feel sure that it will continue to do so in the future. It is in possession of fine quarters well adapted for the rites of Royal Arch Masonry, and there is no reason that I know of why it should not be one of the leading Chapters in the District. At the conclusion of the evening's work in the Chapter room, refreshments were served and altogether a very pleasant evening was spent.

ST. FRANCIS CHAPTER, NO. 133, SMITH'S FALLS.—On May 26th I paid my official visit to this Chapter and was accorded a good reception, there being a large number of Companions present to welcome me. The work of the evening was the Royal Arch degree. It would be exceedingly difficult to surpass in point of excellence the work of Ex. Comp. McGregor and his officers in conferring this degree. Each officer is thoroughly acquainted with his duties, so the success of the Chapter is assured for some years to come. This is one of the best Chapters in the District and, as the Smith's Falls' Companions are very active, the reputation of St. Francis Chapter is not likely to suffer in the least.

I had the pleasure of presenting, on behalf of the District, my immediate predecessor, R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Connors, with a set of Royal Arch regalia, in recognition of his faithful services as Grand Superintendent. During my stay in Smith's Falls I was treated with every consideration and suitably entertained.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 148, VANKLEEK HILL.—I visited St. John's Chapter, Vankleek Hill, June 2nd, and met with a most cordial reception at the hands of

the Ex. First Principal and his Companions who were present in large numbers. The Most Excellent Master. and Royal Arch degrees were both exemplified. Ex. Comp. A. D. McRae, as W.M., had charge of the former and the work was of a high order. Ex. Comp. Elvidge, with his officers, conferred the Royal Arch degree in a very acceptable manner, and I complimented the Companions on the excellence of their work in both the degrees.

This Chapter, in conjunction with St. John's Lodge, A.F. & A.M., is in possession of certain banners and furniture of very great age, while the regalia, which is very substantial, also boasts of many years' service, as Masonry in this locality was originally under the Irish Register. The Companions, naturally, take pride in exhibiting their relics which quite harmonize with the antiquity of our Craft. This Chapter is in a fine financial condition and its prospects are very good. The Companions of St. John's are famed for their hospitality, and on this occasion they fully maintained their reputation in that respect.

Bonnechere Chapter, No. 114, Renfrew.—My official visit was paid to this Chapter November 20th. There was a very good attendance and my reception was all that could be desired. Ex. Comp. J. C. Fraser, the First Principal, presided and conferred the Royal Arch degree upon one candidate. The work was performed in an able manner, altogether in keeping with the high standard established by this Chapter in the past. Several of the Past Principals are very zealous Companions, regular in their attendance at the meetings, and being well skilled, their services are frequently called into requisition in carrying on the work. Bonnechere Chapter room is very attractive, tastily furnished and quite suitable for the work of the Royal Craft. The evening's proceedings terminated with an enjoyable banquet at the Hotel Renfrew.

Maple Chapter, No. 116, Carleton Place.—I visited Maple Chapter December 4th and met a good attendance of Companions, including several Past Principals. I was received in the kindest manner by

Ex. Comp. A. H. Edwards, the First Principal, who presided. Maple Chapter has not been overburdened with work recently, and as there was no candidate for any of the degrees the services of one of the Companions were procured and the Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified by the First Principal and his officers. The work was exceedingly well performed and I congratulated the Companions accordingly.

The election of officers for 1917 took place at this meeting with the result that R. Ex. Comp. D. H. McIntosh was elected First Principal and Ex. Comp. A. H. Edwards, Scribe E., both very capable Companions, so that Maple Chapter may be expected to give a good account of itself during the coming year.

This Chapter is somewhat restricted as regards its territory, but the Companions are making the most of their opportunities. After the Chapter was closed a social hour was spent and refreshments were provided.

Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa.—This is my mother Chapter and I have attended all the meetings held since I assumed office as Grand Superintendent, so am able to certify as to the character of the work during the whole year. In the past this Chapter has maintained a high standard of excellence in rendering the ritual, and I am glad to state that this record has been kept up uniformly during the year. The Chapter is strong financially and numerically and is constantly adding to its resources.

Granite Chapter, No. 61, Almonte.—I concluded my official visits in the District when I attended Granite Chapter December 14th. The Companions turned out in good numbers to greet me. The First Principal of this Chapter removed from Almonte in the forepart of his term, so his Companions were deprived of his services for the greater part of the year. The Immediate Past Z., Ex. Comp. Lundy, assumed control of the Chapter, and he and some of the other Past Principals have displayed much zeal and devotion on behalf of Royal Arch Masonry. The work of conferring the Mark Master Mason degree was of a very superior order and reflected much credit on those participating. Ex. Comp. Lundy is a capable and im-

pressive worker and the ceremony was very enjoyable indeed. At the close of the evening refreshments were served.

Chapter of Instruction.—It has been the custom of Carleton Chapter, Ottawa, for many years past, to hold an annual Re-union or Chapter of Instruction. This function took place, this year, December 6th. A large attendance of Companions of Carleton Chapter turned out, together with representatives from the Chapters at Almonte, Renfrew, Russell and Smith's Falls, and the M. Ex. the Grand Z. favored the meeting with his presence. Unfortunately the outside Chapters could not be prevailed upon to take part in the work, and this was very regrettable, as one of the primary objects in holding these meetings is to enable the Chapters of the District to participate in rendering the degrees. The Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master degrees were conferred in the afternoon by Carleton Chapter ; Ex. Comp. R. W. H. Currie, the Immediate Past Z., occupied the W.M.'s chair in the former degree and Ex. Comp. Leonard Wood, Z., in the latter degree. The other chairs were all filled by the regular officers of the Chapter. Shortly after six o'clock labors were suspended and a pleasant time was spent in the banquet room, and upon completion of the programme consisting of speeches, songs and recitations, the Companions repaired to the Chapter room, where the Royal Arch degree was worked by the Past Superintendents and Past Principals of the Chapter. The work of the day was of a very high order and elicited complimentary remarks from the Grand First Principal. The Companions of Carleton Chapter are indebted to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal for attending their Re-union, as his addresses and instruction concerning the ritual were much enjoyed and appreciated by all those who were fortunate enough to hear him.

Kitchener Chapter, U. D., Russell.—The M. Ex. the Grand Z., having granted a dispensation to the Companions of Russell to open a Chapter at that place, at his request I proceeded there October

11th, opened the Chapter in regular form, delivered the dispensation to the First Principal and afterwards installed and invested the Officers. I was ably assisted in the ceremony by a number of the Companions of Carleton Chapter who accompanied me. This Chapter is starting out under bright conditions, and already has made considerable progress. The Chapter room is situated in a detached brick building used solely for Masonic purposes. In the basement is a spacious banquet room, and altogether the building is admirably adapted for the purpose for which it was built and is a credit to the fraternity of Russell.

The Chapter is provided with paraphernalia of a very superior quality, all the appointments are excellent and I am convinced that this Chapter will give a good account of itself in the future.

In relinquishing my office I desire to acknowledge the kindness and consideration shown me on every occasion by my Companions.

I am also indebted to M. Ex. Comp. Murch for his encouragement and sympathetic interest extended to me in the discharge of my official duties. It is well known that he is of a gracious, earnest and generous disposition, and has endeared himself to his Companions throughout the whole jurisdiction, and it has been a great pleasure to me to have had the opportunity of serving under his able leadership.

I am grateful for the honor of having been permitted to preside over the Ottawa District for the past year, and trust my efforts have met with the approval of my Companions, and have not been wholly without beneficial results.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JOHN C. SCOTT,
Grand Supt., Ottawa District, No. 13.

Ottawa, Ont.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13

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Carleton	16	Ottawa	10	2	12	37	2	5.00	236	26	20	3	..	4	..	4	251	20	20	20	16	None	2950.00	2600.00	350.00	312.00	500.00	110.00	Good	Yes
Granite	61	Almonte	9	1	10	10	2	1.50	59	3	3	..	1	1	..	..	62	3	2	2	6	None	450.00	100.00	350.00	32.00	250.00	20.00	Good	Yes
Bonnechere	114	Renfrew	10	1	11	13	....	2.60	85	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	87	3	2	2	15	None	600.00	280.00	320.00	183.45	600.00	120.00	Fair	Yes
Maple	116	Carleton Place	9	..	9	10	1	2.00	76	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	78	2	3	3	8	None	470.00	100.00	300.00	31.00	250.00	10.00	Fair	Yes
St. Francis	133	Smith's Falls	11	..	11	15	2	3.00	66	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	68	3	3	3	2	None	600.00	200.00	400.00	50.00	400.00	20.00	Good	Yes
Glengarry	143	Maxville	9	..	9	9	1	2.00	45	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	46	1	1	1	33	None	564.00	.....	250.00	314.00	250.00	15.00	Fair	Yes
St. John's	148	Vankleek Hill	4	..	4	9	....	3.00	36	2	1	..	..	3	3	..	31	1	1	1	13	None	.....	500.00	1000.00	60.00	600.00	25.00	Just fair	Yes
Laurentian	151	Pembroke	9	2	11	10	2	3.00	49	5	3	2	..	..	10	1	43	3	4	5	10	None	508.03	139.03	300.00	69.00	200.00	5.00	Fair	Yes
Kitchener	U.D	Russell	2	1	3	10	11	.....	..	9	2	..	..	..	..	..	12	2	..	..	..	200.00	400.00	.....	.....	.....	400.00	.....	Good	Yes

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 14.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I herewith submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this district for 1916. I have visited all the Chapters and I am pleased to report that each one is a credit to Grand Chapter. Three are strong and vigorous and naturally I expect more from them than I do the smaller ones.

I found it entirely out of the question to have a Chapter of Instruction on account of the distance between the various Chapters. Imagine a District, composed of two Chapters at Toronto, one at Sudbury, one at London and one at Sarnia and you will have a fair idea of what it would mean to gather the officers together. However, I endeavored to overcome this difficulty by giving greater attention to the details of the work and having various portions exemplified and explained in detail. I found the work in this District to be uniform.

While I realize in some measure that to be Grand Superintendent is a signal honor, yet one has to remember that the office does not make the man, but it is the man that brings dignity to the office. His office brings many opportunities for service, and opportunity always brings responsibilities.

I have endeavored to impress on the officers of the Chapters, that to be satisfied with doing one's duty is not enough in these days. Such a standard is altogether too modest. We must have men in the chairs with an overplus in life. Duty plus energy should be every officer's ambition. It is not what we get in life, but what we give that makes us rich. There is an old trite saying, "As the master so the school" ; when the Z. is abounding in enthusiasm and soul qualities you are sure to find the Companions ready to rise to meet that enthusiasm.

It is a very natural thing to appraise the worth of a Chapter by the number of initiations. This in many cases may be a true index, but it is not always a safe standard to follow. We are apt to laud the Chapter which has increased its membership by twenty and forget that others have done well when a much smaller number has been garnered in.

Golden Chapter, No. 90, Kenora.—Ex. Comp. A. I. Katz, Z. There was a splendid gathering of the Companions to greet me on my official visit. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates. The work was smooth and dignified. Ex. Comp. Katz is a Hebrew and it was a great pleasure for me to see him exemplify the work. He has certainly caught the spirit of this Supreme Degree in Masonry. There was not a weak spot in the rendition of the whole degree. Golden Chapter is in good shape and the prevailing spirit of good fellowship manifest is excellent.

Atwood Chapter, No. 149, Rainy River.—Ex. Comp. H. G. C. Ledger, Z. The attendance was not large but the interest manifested supplied the deficiency in numbers. R. Ex. Comp. Gorman and Ex. Comps. D. McGregor and R. W. Race deserve a well-earned tribute for their faithfulness to this Chapter. These Companions certainly "keep the home fires burning." Rainy River is a divisional point on the C.N.R. and the Chapter suffers from frequent removals which militates against the continuity of promotion in the higher offices. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred on a candidate in a very creditable manner. I have a very warm spot in my heart for the Companions at Rainy River.

Alberton Chapter, No. 152, Fort Frances.—Ex. Comp. W. A. Baker, Z. I received a very cordial welcome from the Companions. This Chapter is not large, but a very wholesome enthusiasm seemed to pervade these Fort Frances Convocations. The Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified and the balance of the evening spent in reviewing the work of the other degrees. I feel certain that good work will be done in

this Chapter as the chairs are occupied by men of good calibre.

SHUNIAH CHAPTER, NO. 82, PORT ARTHUR.—Ex. Comp. A. V. Bliss, Z. I visited this Chapter on the date set for the annual election of the officers. The election showed that the officers had been faithful to their trusts during the year as each one was promoted in turn. Ex. Comp. A. V. Bliss had arranged to confer the Mark Master Mason degree, but at the last moment the candidate was called away on business. I can testify, however, to the splendid work done by this Chapter during the year. Ex. Comp. Bliss is a hustler and every officer has the same spirit.

FORT WILLIAM CHAPTER, NO. 140, FORT WILLIAM. —Ex. Comp. J. Armstrong, Z. This is my mother Chapter and as I have been present at nearly every Convocation during the year I know that good work has been done and that the future is very bright. I made my official visit on the evening of the Installation of the officers for 1917, and every chair was filled by a capable officer who was put there because of his true worth.

In conclusion I take pleasure in saying that the receptions tendered to me on my official visits were most cordial. Any review of the work in each Chapter was sympathetically received. The speeches at the luncheons were always of high order befitting Royal Arch Masons. I am convinced that the Companions in this District place a high value on Freemasonry.

Fraternally submitted,

E. E. WOOD,
Grand Supt., Algoma District, No. 14.

Fort William, Ont.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 14

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Shuniah.....	82	Port Arthur ...	12	4	16	26	1	2.00	162	31	30	..	1	4	6	1	182	30	31	28	71	.....	1444.00	107.00	528.00	159.00	450.00	75.00	Good	Yes
Golden.....	90	Kenora.....	12	1	13	20	2	3.00	113	11	11	1	..	..	..	1	124	11	11	11	67	200.00	2072.00	900.00	450.00	322.00	400.00	25.00	Good	Yes
Fort William.....	140	Fort William ..	10	2	12	24	1	2.00	175	16	16	2	1	3	9	..	182	16	15	15	60	.....	400.00	550.00	425.00	180.00	300.00	94.00	Good	Yes
Atwood.....	149	Rainy River...	6	1	7	10	2	3.00	70	4	1	..	..	3	..	..	68	1	..	..	14	.....	595.00	120.00	350.00	125.00	400.00	25.00	Fair	Yes
Alberton.....	152	Fort Frances...	6	1	7	11	1	5.00	39	2	2	..	..	2	..	1	38	2	2	2	18	300.00	548.00	77.00	200.00	271.00	.....	.....	Better	Yes

MANITOBA EAST DISTRICT, NO. 15.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I take pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry for this District. In visiting the various Chapters I found that while the Companions are filled with a spirit of enthusiasm, still in some instances the Chapters have not been able to increase their membership to any great extent during the past two years owing largely to the strenuous times through which Canada has passed, which conditions can scarcely be remedied until after the War.

With reference to holding a Chapter of Instruction, I had this under consideration for some time, but after taking the matter up with the Principals of the various Chapters I found it would be unwise to do so, owing to not being able to get any assurance of attendance under present conditions.

RABBONI CHAPTER, NO. 171, DAUPHIN.—I visited this Chapter at their regular meeting November 14th. The early part of the evening was taken up with General Business, after which I was introduced and received a warm welcome. The Chapter was then closed and a Lodge of Mark Master Masons opened when the degree of Mark Master Mason was conferred by Ex. Comp. Baird and was done in a very able manner and I found all the officers proficient in their work. This Chapter is alive and making favorable progress. I might say there seems to be some friction among two or three of the Companions. I have had no official notice of such and I believe the matter will adjust inself in due time.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, NO. 99, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE. —I paid an official visit to this Chapter at their regular meeting December 1st. this being the date for election of officers. Nothing was done in the way of conferring degrees. I gave a short address on Grand Chapter and also exemplified a portion of the Royal Arch degree.

This Chapter is laboring under adverse circumstances. Unfortunately Ex. Comp. Sparling, the First Principal, was compelled to move to Winnipeg ; however, the Companions are hopeful of the future. I intend to visit this Chapter again January 5th, when it will be my privilege to install the new officers.

Connaught Chapter, No. 187, Winnipeg. I visited this Chapter at their regular meeting November 24th and received a hearty welcome. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred on five candidates by Ex. Comp. Crossin and it was done in a creditable manner and left little room for criticism. This Chapter is in splendid condition. The officers are proficient in their work and I predict for them a brilliant future.

Prince Rupert Chapter, No. 52, Winnipeg.—This being my own Chapter, I have attended every meeting during the past year and I have paid particular attention to the conducting of business and conferring of degrees. This Chapter has made wonderful progress under the guidance of its First Principal, Ex. Comp. F. W. Brownell, and his splendid set of officers, who have given him every assistance possible. I made my official visit December 7th. This being the date for election of officers, no work was done. The books are kept in splendid condition by the able Scribe E., Comp. Armstrong.

King Edward Chapter, No. 136, Neepawa.—I regret to say that up to the present time I have been unable to visit this Chapter owing to pressure of business. However, I believe that the spirit of Capitular Masonry is still maintained by the Companions as formerly. It is my intention to pay a visit to this Chapter, if possible, at their regular meeting January 17th.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Companions of this District for the warm welcome I have received throughout the year.

Fraternally submitted,

W. N. Brown,

Grand Supt., Manitoba East District, No. 15.

Winnipeg, Man.

MANITOBA EAST DISTRICT, No. 15

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Prince Rupert	52	Winnipeg	9	2	11	35	5	4.00	394	13	16	3	..	8	..	7	398	4	2	2	150	.....	6748.09	3000.00	.....	1,868	500.00	200.00	Excel'nt	Yes
Keystone	99	Port. la Prairie	7	..	7	20	2	5.00	98	..	1	1	1	2	15	1	80	..	..	..	18	.....	3250.00	100.00	.....	282.50	400.00	.....	Good	Yes
King Edward	136	Neepawa	6	2	8	8	....	3.00	171	2	2	..	..	1	..	2	170	2	2	2	98	6.68	5101.70	4701.70	400.00	1,030	400.00	.....	Fair	No
Rabboni	171	Dauphin	9	..	9	18	2	4.00	131	7	7	..	..	1	..	1	136	7	5	5	12	300.00	800.00	300.00	.....	600.00	500.00	25.00	Good	Yes
Connaught	187	Winnipeg	9	..	9	19	2	5.00	78	17	11	3	..	3	..	..	89	11	8	3	6	10.00	731.52	142.15	410.37	179.00	.....	100.00	Very good	Yes

MANITOBA WEST DISTRICT, NO. 15A.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Manitoba West District, No. 15A.

First I wish to thank my Companions for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me to this important office. Fully realizing the responsibility and duties incumbent upon me, I have endeavored faithfully and conscientiously to discharge them.

During my official visits I have confined my remarks to the business conduct of the Chapter, and have tried to impress upon the Companions the very important matter of arrears of dues and of allowing dues to go unpaid longer than two years. Avondale Chapter was reported in last year's report as being $310 in arrears for dues. This should have been $810. I have strongly impressed upon them the folly of allowing arrears to run on in this way and I feel sure a large amount of this will be wiped off this year.

MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, NO. 183, RIVERS, MAN.—I made my official visit to this Chapter October 20th and received a warm welcome. There was no degree work, but I have visited this Chapter on several occasions and know they can do their work well and have made good progress during the past year. R. Ex. Comp. Ferguson has been very much missed by the Companions, but the good work he did while with them has left its mark. Considering the conditions at the present time, this, for a new Chapter, has done remarkably well the last year in new members.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, NO. 101, BOISSEVAIN, MAN.—I visited this Chapter October 11th at their regular Convocation and was given a very cordial reception by the officers and Companions. This is my mother

Chapter. Notwithstanding the fact that it was in the threshing season when I paid my official visit, the attendance was good and the Royal Arch Degree was conferred in the very best form. Corinthian Chapter is fortunate in having Past Z.'s who still keep up the good work. I am very sorry to report that the First Principal, Ex. Comp. James Johnston, was unable to be in his place owing to illness.

Avondale Chapter, No. 156, Hartney, Man.—I made my official visit to this Chapter October 13th, also June 13th in company with M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, on which occasion the meeting took the form of a Chapter of Instruction. The information imparted by the M. Ex. the Grand Z. was very much appreciated and enjoyed by the large gathering assembled. It being the occasion of the Annual Re-union, the hall was filled, a large number of Companions coming from a distance to do honor and to hear the M. Ex. the Grand Z. Avondale Chapter is another Chapter that has quite a number of Past Z.'s who take a deep interest in their Chapter, and it is safe in saying there is no Chapter that does their work better.

Keystone Chapter, No. 141, Brandon, Man.—Being Scribe E. of this Chapter, I have attended every meeting during the past year. This Chapter has suffered more during the past year from lack of new members than any in the District, but prospects for the coming year are brighter. Eleven members have enlisted from this Chapter for Overseas Service and, with the exception of one, all are Commissioned Officers. On June 12th M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch paid the Chapter a visit, when there was a very good gathering, many attending from Mount Sinai Chapter. This meeting also took the form of a Chapter of Instruction, and was much enjoyed by all the Companions present.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. Crawford.
Grand Supt., Manitoba District, No. 15a.

Brandon, Man.

MANITOBA DISTRICT, No. 15A.

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Avondale	156	Hartney	9	1	10	20	2	5.00	121	5	5	..	..	2	..	2	122	5	8	8	49	.....	3542.62	2134.34	350.00	1053.25	300.00	75.00	Good	No
Mt. Sinai	183	Rivers	9	1	10	16	2	3.00	89	8	8	..	..	..	16	1	80	8	8	7	16	.....	800.00	347.23	.....	159.30	500.00	50.00	Good	Yes
Keystone	141	Brandon	9	1	10	13	3	3.00	90	2	1	..	..	2	3	2	84	1	1	..	45	150.00	2175.00	1390.00	500.00	285.00	300.00	.....	Fair	Yes
Corinthian	101	Boissevain	9	..	9	10	..	2.00	109	4	3	..	..	..	..	3	109	3	3	2	42	.....	1339.76	615.45	400.00	324.25	225.00	.....	Good	Yes

BRITISH COLUMBIA, DISTRICT NO. 16.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

As Grand Superintendent of British Columbia District, No. 16, I herewith submit my report for the year 1916.

The honor was accepted with some misgivings, as I fully appreciated the requirements necessary to a successful fulfilment of the duties of the office. I have endeavored, however, to discharge those duties to the best of my ability and can only hope that my efforts have not been wholly disappointing.

During the year I have visited all the Chapters once, and most of them several times, and I am pleased to be able to report, that the ritualistic work of all the Chapters in this District is remarkably well done. I found very few errors to correct. It is the belief of most of the Chapters that they do the best work in the jurisdiction, and I have endeavored to encourage the Companions in this belief, for so long as each Chapter think that they do the best work, they will each do good work. The ritual is being studiously examined and carefully followed, and I am satisfied that there is a growing desire to become more and more perfect and that the work generally is approaching that end.

I have found the books and records carefully and neatly kept in all the Chapters, with one or two exceptions. The only matter which I find is not up to the standard demanded is the Book of Marks. This is not given the care required, and I have brought it to the attention of all the Chapters in visiting them. Another great question of importance to the financial condition of our Chapters, is the large amount of dues outstanding. I have urged the Companions to look more closely to their collections, which is essential to their financial prosperity. The strenuous times through

which we are passing vitally affects this branch of our work, but it seems that even in the best of times non-payment of dues is a burning question in all our societies.

While not by any means a year of great activity, most of our Chapters have done work during the year, and the officers seem interested in their work. I am very much pleased with the progress made and the interest manifested in the correct rendering of our ritual and the uniformity of the floor work.

During the year we had the pleasure of a visit from the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal, W. S. R. Murch. His visit was most opportune and intensely interesting to the Companions. He very kindly corrected a few errors and innovations that had gradually crept into our work. The many questions which he was called upon to answer, regarding our work, must have satisfied him that the Companions in the West are trying to learn and become proficient in the ritualistic work of Royal Arch Masonry. At Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo and Prince Rupert his visit will long be remembered as red letter days in the history of the Royal Craft in British Columbia. Chapters of Instruction have been held in Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo, all of which were appreciated by the Companions and improvement in our work is the natural result.

During the year I visited the Chapters in this District, as follows :

Vancouver Chapter, No. 98, Vancouver.—May 10th, June 30th, October 11th and 25th, December 13th. This is the oldest Chapter in the District, and it is needless to say, that with such an array of veteran Past Principals on its roll, the officers continue to set an example of efficiency in their work that must be an inspiration to all who have the privilege of visiting the Chapter. The First Principal of this Chapter enlisted for Overseas Service shortly after being installed, and did not work any of the degrees nor attend the meetings. The work has been carried on by Ex. Comp. W. C. Ditmars and V. Ex. Comp. F. C. Bird. R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Burns still continues to represent Ezra

the Scribe, and it is hardly necessary to say that his books are all that is required.

On the night of October 25th, a Past Principals' night was observed, and the Royal Arch degree was exemplified by M. Ex. Comp. Harry H. Watson, assisted by a number of distinguished Past Principals. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took the advantage of being present. The faultless manner in which the work was done was an excellent exhibition of the beauty and stateliness of our Ritual.

WESTMINSTER CHAPTER, NO. 124, NEW WESTMINSTER.—April 14th, July 14th, December 8th. I had the pleasure and privilege of seeing all the degrees conferred by this Chapter. The work was done exceptionally well and the officers are making an effort to reach the highest standard of efficiency in their work. Unfortunately for them their First Principal also enlisted for Overseas Service shortly after installation, and he is now overseas. He had not been able to confer any degrees. Their books I found in good order, their finances are good and the prospects fair.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, NO. 127, NANAIMO.—April 19th, July 4th and December 20th. In this Chapter also I saw all the degrees conferred and was much impressed with the earnestness and exactness shown by all the officers and Companions in their degrees. The Chapter books and records are neatly and well kept. The attendance is rather low, but this is explained by the fact that Nanaimo is a mining town and many of their members cannot attend. I had the honor of installing their officers on the 20th of December. Their prospects are good.

CYRUS CHAPTER, NO. 142, CUMBERLAND.—May 17th, July 19th and November 15th. I am pleased to report that this Chapter, after being practically dormant for the last few years, has been reorganized and now, with a new staff of officers and the addition of new material, is doing good work. The prospects are bright and they are now in line for winning back their old record of being the best Chapter in British Columbia. Their books are in good shape, being closely

attended to by Ex. Comp. C. Parnham, to whom a great deal of credit is due for the reorganization. There is much good material around them, and with a little exertion their success is assured.

Kaien Chapter, No. 178, Prince Rupert.—As this Chapter is at Prince Rupert, about 500 miles north, I was only able to visit them once, June 9th. I had the pleasure of seeing them confer the Most Excellent Master degree and, as Kaien Chapter has an acknowledged record of being the best and most perfect ritualistic Chapter in British Columbia, I was not disappointed. The officers were in splendid form and the floor work exceptionally good. Their books I found in good condition and the prospects before them are good.

Camosun Chapter, No. 182, Victoria.—May 8th, July 3rd, November 13th. I had the privilege of seeing this Chapter confer all the degrees and can credit them with very good work. Particular attention is paid to the floor work and the manner in which the work was done satisfied me that the officers and Companions seem eager to reach the highest rung on the ladder of perfection, and they are on the right path towards that end. Their books I found in proper order.

Pacific Chapter, No. 190, Vancouver.—As this is my home Chapter, I attended nearly all the meetings during the year, and while we do not lay claim to perfection in any department of our work, all are trying to reach that goal simply by doing their best and being always willing to learn. The officers are earnest and faithful. Being a young Chapter, all have much to learn from that good old teacher, experience. I have seen all the degrees conferred and I think they compare very favorably with any in the District. The books, I regret to say, are not up to the standard, but this is accounted for by the fact that in the twelve months we have had three changes in the chair of Scribe E., two having gone overseas, so that the books have been somewhat neglected. We now have a Scribe E. who, I think, will be permanent, and consequently the books will be properly kept.

North Vancouver Chapter, No. 191, North Vancouver.—April 11th, July 11th, October 10th and December 12th. This Chapter, though the youngest in the District, has a good record for excellent work. The attendance is always good and the officers earnest and attentive to the work of the Chapter. I have seen all the degrees conferred by this Chapter, and with pleasure report them as being done both accurately and impressively. Their books are in good order, having a painstaking Scribe E.

On December 5th I had the pleasure of paying a fraternal visit to Columbia Chapter, of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, situated at Victoria, B.C. I was accompanied by the officers and Companions of Camosun Chapter, No. 182, and witnessed the conferring of the Mark Master Mason degree in a very efficient manner. While there is a difference in the work from ours, yet the main points are practically the same. We had a very pleasant evening. We hope some time to see them affiliate with the Grand Chapter of Canada. Next year they celebrate the 50th year of their existence.

In conclusion I wish to assure all the Companions that it affords me great and, I trust, lasting pleasure for the respect and cordial treatment shown me during my term of office. My intercourse with the officers and Companions of this District has been of the most friendly and pleasant character. I have been received by all with that noted fraternal welcome which is always characteristic of all Companions in this District. The visitations have been to me a source of personal enjoyment, as well as a pleasant official duty, and I trust a material benefit to all concerned. I wish to express my sincere thanks to all the Companions for their kindness and courtesy and to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal for the honor he conferred upon me.

Fraternally submitted,

J. Irvine,
Grand Supt., British Columbia District, No. 16.

Vancouver, B.C.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, No. 16

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		B. C.						$														$	$	$	$	$	$	$		
Westminster	124	N. Westm'ster .	9	1	10	15	8	6.00	178	5	5	..	..	6	..	1	176	5	5	5	43	None	1292.96	201.46	400.00	691.50	300.00	None	Fair	No*
Vancouver.....	98	Vancouver.....	10	2	12	25	6	6.00	271	6	5	1	..	13	30	7	226	5	4	4	45	None	2000.00	300.00	200.00	325.00	300.00	300.00	Good	No*
Keystone.....	127	Nanaimo.....	12	1	13	11	1	3.00	77	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	79	3	3	3	37	None	469.00	319.90	200.00	None	150.00	45.00	Good	Yes
Cyrus.....	142	Cumberland...	7	2	9	9	1	6.00	51	8	6	..	..	..	14	..	43	6	5	5	29	None	300.00	200.00	300.00	400.00	300.00	None	Good	Yes
Kaien.....	178	Prince Rupert .	10	3	13	16	1	3.00	82	9	5	1	1	3	..	3	82	4	4	2	9	560.27	536.75	.....	1250.00	39.00	None	61.80	Good	Yes
Camosun.....	182	Victoria.....	12	3	15	28	5	5.00	81	14	14	7	..	2	3	1	96	14	13	14	31	None	.....	.....	550.00	195.00	500.00	.....	Good	Yes
Pacific.....	190	Vancouver.....	12	7	19	16	6	5.00	83	12	12	1	..	4	..	..	92	12	12	12	33	260.00	814.90	349.90	465.00	249.65	300.00	None	Good	No
North Vancouver	191	N. Vancouver..	10	1	11	14	8	6.00	63	1	1	..	..	2	5	..	57	1	1	1	18	116.00	776.30	159.15	327.15	290.00	None	None	Fair	Yes

 *Ex. Z. gone overseas.

ALBERTA NORTH DISTRICT, NO. 17A.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in North Alberta District, No. 17A, for the year 1916.

During the first part of my term in office there was a general feeling of unrest existing among the Royal Arch Masons in this District, on account of not knowing what action the Grand Chapter of Canada would take in regard to settling the differences between the Loyal Chapters and the Grand Chapter of Alberta, until after the visit of M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch. For this reason I did not make any official visits until after the Grand Z.'s visit. I am now pleased to report that M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch was able to settle all the differences very satisfactorily to all and that peace and harmony now prevail everywhere.

CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—I held a Chapter of Instruction under the auspices of Capital City Chapter, Edmonton, on Monday, July 17th. Companions from all the Chapters in the District were present and the three degrees were exemplified in a very able manner. The Convocation was honored by a visit from the M. Ex. Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and a great deal of good instruction was received from him.

CAPITAL CITY CHAPTER, NO. 197, EDMONTON.—I visited this Chapter November 17th. During the afternoon and evening the three degrees were exemplified in the same excellent manner in which Capital City Chapter always does its work. I found everything in good form and the Chapter making good progress. This Chapter made application for affiliation to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, was accepted and received their Charter January 1st, 1917.

VERMILLION CHAPTER, No. 199, VERMILLION.—This Chapter made application for affiliation to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, was accepted and received their Charter August 21st, 1916. On account of going out of my jurisdiction, I was unable to visit them.

MOUNT OLIVET CHAPTER, No. 202, KILLAM.—I made my official visit to this Chapter November 29th. Having a dispensation from the M. Ex. the Grand Z., I consecrated and dedicated the Chapter. The Chapter is small, although the officers are well skilled in the work and the Chapter has every prospect of a bright future. This Chapter made application for affiliation to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, was accepted and received their Charter January 6th, 1917.

NORWOOD CHAPTER, No. 204, EDMONTON.—I accompanied the M. Ex. the Grand Z. on his visit to this Chapter, July 17th, and assisted him in consecrating and dedicating the Chapter. On account of this Chapter affiliating with the Grand Chapter of Alberta, I was unable to visit it again. It made application for affiliation to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, was accepted and received their Charter November 3rd, 1916.

I am pleased to report that all the Chapters in the North Alberta District, No. 17A, are now affiliated with the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Companions of this District for the honor conferred on me by selecting me for the office of Grand Superintendent and for the kindly manner in which I was received on my visits to the different Chapters.

Fraternally submitted,

F. E. NICHOL,
Grand Supt., North Alberta District, No. 17A.

Killam, Alberta.

No report received from Grand Superintendent of Alberta Central District, No. 17B.

ALBERTA SOUTH DISTRICT, NO. 17c.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I beg to report on Capitular Masonry in this District as follows :

At the beginning of the year, owing to the friction arising out of the formation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta in 1914, Capitular Masonry was in a very unsettled and unsatisfactory state throughout Alberta, and the work of, and attendance at, the various Chapters in this District was almost at a standstill. Things have improved during the year, and the amicable settlement of the difficult question has been very much "for the good of the Order" in Alberta.

I was able to visit all the Chapters in my jurisdiction once during the year, with the exception of Hillvue, No. 200, at Hillcrest, this Chapter having seceded from the Grand Chapter of Canada prior to my term of office.

ASSINIBOIA CHAPTER, NO. 126, MEDICINE HAT.—I visited this Chapter April 20th, 1916, and saw the Mark Master Mason degree conferred in a satisfactory manner. The officers appeared to be efficient and the business was well conducted. The membership was somewhat divided on the question of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and I have just been advised that on 21st December, 1916, a resolution was passed to affiliate with the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

SHEKINAH CHAPTER, NO. 158, LETHBRIDGE.—This being my home Chapter, I have attended nearly all their meetings and Convocations during the year. This Chapter was in bad shape at the end of last year, but has since pulled together and is now in a very satisfactory condition.

Bekah Chapter, No. 176, Macleod.—This Chapter has always been a "weak sister" and gradually got into a very bad condition last year. It seemed impossible for them to get enough Companions together to enable them to hold a regular Convocation, and it was not until November, 1916, that I could arrange for a visit with any hope of getting a proper meeting. Then only seven members were present. With these and two Companions from Shekinah, No. 158, we opened the Chapter. I found that none of the Companions of Bekah Chapter knew how to open the Chapter properly and everything else connected with the Chapter was in a state of chaos. I therefore considered it was to the best interests of Capitular Masonry that Bekah Chapter, No. 176, should be closed up and that the membership should unite with the Grand Chapter of Alberta. This, I understand, has been done, and Capitular Masonry in Macleod should get on a better footing now that the Companions are all in one Chapter.

Kether Chapter, No. 177, Pincher Creek.—I visited this Chapter December 22nd, 1916. I saw the Mark Master Mason degree conferred, and the election of officers for 1917 also took place. The officers are fairly efficient in ritual, but lack general knowledge of floor work and the finer points of the work. Most of them never having seen the work put on in anything like the proper manner. However, the Companions work together in peace and harmony and have the best interests of Capitular Masonry very much at heart. They are loyal to the mother Grand Chapter and do not desire any change of jurisdiction unless it is the wish of the Grand Chapter of Canada to withdraw entirely its jurisdiction in Alberta.

General.—From the foregoing you will see there are only two Chapters in this District, *viz.*, Shekinah and Kether, that are loyal to the Grand Chapter of Canada and have no particular desire to make any change except it might be better for the general good of the Order that all Chapters in Alberta unite under the Grand Chapter of Alberta. If it is the wish of

Grand Chapter of Canada that this be done, I shall be glad to have advice to that effect sent to Shekinah and Kether Chapters so that they can act accordingly.

Yours fraternally,
K. D. J. C. JOHNSON,

Grand Supt., Alberta District, No. 17c.

Lethbridge, Alta.

ALBERTA SOUTH DISTRICT, No. 17c

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								$														$	$	$	$	$	$	$		
Shekinah	158	Lethbridge	12	10	22	17	1	5.00	86	25	25	1	..	3	..	2	107	25	20	19	27	208.00	1143.12	58.45	.....	314.05	400.00	25.00	Good	No
Bekah	176	Macleod	2	2	4	8	1	5.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	..	..	..	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600.00	.....	*	Yes
Kether	177	Pincher Creek	7	2	9	10	1	5.00	26	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	30	4	2	2	13	.....	250.00	.....	.....	130.00	.....	.....	Good	Yes
Assiniboia	126	Medicine Hat	10	3	13	16	1	3.00	135	5	7	2	1	1	..	3	140	7	7	7	19	.....	2211.00	1797.85	.....	193.50	250.00	132.50	Good	Yes

* Joined Grand Chapter Alberta.

KOOTENAY DISTRICT, NO. 18.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers andCompanions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I have the honor to submit reports of Summary Information received from the following Chapters in Kootenay District, No. 18 :

NELSON R. A. CHAPTER, NO. 123, NELSON, B.C.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN R. A. CHAPTER, NO. 125, CRANBROOK, B.C.

I regret very much indeed that it has been impossible for me to officially visit any of the Chapters in this District during my term of office, due to the fact that shortly after having received the honor of this appointment at your hands, I was moved to the Province of Saskatchewan, where I have since resided, and it has been impossible to take the time to return in connection with Royal Arch Masonry. Judging from the information received, Nelson Chapter, No. 123, and Rocky Mountain Chapter, No. 125, are both in a healthy condition, although a slight decrease in membership will be noted in the report of each Chapter.

Please allow me to express my thanks for the honor conferred upon me by selecting me for the office of Grand Superintendent of Kootenay District, No. 18, and to express my sincere regrets that by my removal from that field I was not permitted to fulfil my duties.

Fraternally submitted,

A. B. NETHERBY,
Grand Supt., Kootenay District, No. 18.

Regina, Sask.

KOOTENAY DISTRICT, No. 18

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Rocky Mountain	125	Cranbrook	12	..	12	13	1	3.00	129	3	3	..	..	..	13	..	119	3	3	3	17	Nil	2142.00	142.00	2000.00	200.00	200.00	233.00	Good	Yes
Nelson	123	Nelson	9	1	10	15	7	3.00	116	2	2	..	..	4	5	..	109	2	2	1	38	Nil	1315.40	1115.40	200.00	151.00	300.00	.....	Good	Yes
Kootenay	120	Kaslo	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	4	4	..	..	..	..	1	40	4	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
*Crow's Nest	137	Fernie	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	

*No returns.

YALE-COLUMBIA DISTRICT, NO. 18A.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Yale-Columbia District, No. 18A, for the year 1916.

ROSSLAND CHAPTER, NO. 122, ROSSLAND.—I regret that, owing to my son having gone overseas, I was unable to spare the time to visit this Chapter. However, as Rossland was the only Chapter in this District which was honored by a visit from the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal, I can console myself with the knowledge that they received the "real thing" instead of "the substitute."

REVELSTOKE CHAPTER, NO. 128, REVELSTOKE.—On 6th November I had the pleasure of paying my official visit to this Chapter. There being no candidates, the Royal Arch degree was exemplified, after which I instructed them in the revised work. Two of the principal officers were absent from the city, but from the manner in which the others discharged their duties—and I wish to make special mention of their First Principal, Ex. Comp. Bews—I feel sure that this Chapter is fortunate in the choice of their officers. I am pleased to report that Revelstoke Chapter is in a healthy condition.

OKANAGAN CHAPTER, NO. 157, VERNON.—I visited this Chapter officially 16th November. The First Principal being absent on military service, Ex. Comp. Norris presided. The Mark Master Mason and Most

Excellent Master degrees were conferred in a very creditable manner. It gives me great pleasure to report that this Chapter has made healthy progress during the past year ; if they continue their efforts during 1917 I am of the opinion that my successor will find the work and condition of this Chapter second to none in this District.

Boundary Chapter, No. 174, Grand Forks.—My official visit to this Chapter was made 15th June. The attendance was good and I thoroughly enjoyed my reception. I found the officers well skilled, and instructed them in the revised work. This Chapter is probably being more seriously affected by the present abnormal conditions than any other in this District, but the few Companions who are left in Grand Forks are zealously carrying on the good work.

Kelowna Chapter, No. 206, Kelowna.—This being my home Chapter, of which I was the First Principal, I can only say that we received sixteen applications during the first year of our existence, and all of the applicants have received the several degrees. The other officers are well instructed in their work. Kelowna Chapter was put to considerable inconvenience by having its regalia and furniture, together with its place of meeting, destroyed by fire October 29th. Fortunately the financial loss was not great, the property having been insured. They were also fortunate in securing a suitable place of meeting. I consider that the prospects of this Chapter are bright.

In conclusion I wish to record my great appreciation of the kindness and courtesy extended to me by the Companions throughout the District during my official visits. I am pleased to be able to report that the true

Masonic spirit was in evidence during my visits. Owing to the great distance which separates the several Chapters, and the fact that the Companions did not feel justified in devoting the necessary time and money for that purpose under existing conditions, I deemed it inexpedient to press the matter of holding Chapters of Instruction.

Fraternally submitted,

E. R. Bailey,
Grand Supt., Yale-Columbia District, No. 18a.

Kelowna, B.C.

YALE-COLUMBIA DISTRICT, No. 18A

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Rossland	122	Rossland	9	1	10	10	2	2.00	107	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	102	..	..	..	46	23.00	1539.23	1198.23	150.00	116.00	500.00	50.00	Excel'nt	Yes
Revelstoke	128	Revelstoke	8	1	9	13	....	3.00	86	8	7	..	..	1	..	1	91	7	9	9	55	.....	.....	.....	3000.00	306.00	400.00	.....	Good	Yes
Okanagan	157	Vernon	6	..	6	10	1	3.00	59	5	4	..	..	1	..	1	62	4	3	3	33	.....	1298.00	650.00	300.00	348.00	350.00	.....	Fair	Yes
Boundary	174	Grand Forks	8	..	8	10	1	3.00	43	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	..	..	..	6	.....	600.00	125.00	450.00	58.00	500.00	.....	Good	Yes
Kelowna	206	Kelowna	8	4	12	17	1	4.00	...	16	16	..	..	..	..	..	38	16	16	16	1	3.70	153.82	12.07	134.75	7.00	200.00	.....	Good	Yes

SASKATCHEWAN NORTH DISTRICT, NO. 19A.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I have the honor to submit a report on the condition of Capitular Masonry for the Saskatchewan North District, No. 19A.

R. Ex. Comp. Coombs, the Grand Superintendent of this District, went overseas in October, and the Grand Scribe E. wrote, asking that I undertake the duties of the office for the balance of the term, which I consented to do.

SASKATOON CHAPTER, NO. 165, SASKATOON.—This being my own Chapter, I had the pleasure of attending its Convocations very often during the year. The Chapter has made good progress under the guidance of Ex. Comp. Needham. The present Scribe E. is also a very efficient officer, and has his books in good shape. I called a Chapter of Instruction at Saskatoon on December 15th, but the Companions from outside points were unable to attend. On that date I had the pleasure of installing the officers, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Crandon. After the installation, the newly installed officers conferred the Royal Arch degree in a manner that left no room for criticism, and the Chapter bids fair to have a successful year.

PRINCE ALBERT CHAPTER, NO. 160, PRINCE ALBERT. —I have been unable to visit this Chapter personally and note from their statistical report that they have found it necessary to suspend quite a number of Companions, but as Prince Albert Chapter has always been active in all lines of Masonic endeavor, I have no doubt, that when normal conditions are resumed, it will again be one of the best Chapters in the Province.

BATTLEFORD CHAPTER, NO. 181, BATTLEFORD.—This Chapter only met the required number of times as specified by the Constitution, and have only exalted two candidates during the year, but their prospects for the new

year are much brighter. The First Principal called an Emergent Convocation so that I might visit them, but owing to the train being seven hours late, I was unable to attend, but in conversation with the Scribe E. over long distance telephone, I was informed that there were four candidates, on which all degrees were to be conferred that evening, and other applications were in his hands, so that their prospects are much brighter for the coming year.

King George Chapter, U.D., Yorkton.—I have not visited this Chapter officially since I instituted it, but their report shows good progress, though a number of their officers are on active service. Ex. Comp. Acheson assures me that King George Chapter has a good future before it, and I have no hesitation in recommending that a Charter be granted this Chapter.

Humboldt Chapter, U.D., Humboldt.—In company with R. Ex. Comp. Coombs I had the pleasure of assisting at the institution of this Chapter April 20th. On that occasion Ex. Comps. Needham, Westcott and Henderson of Saskatoon accompanied me, and were valuable assistants to me. After the ceremony of institution and the conferring of the degrees were completed, an excellent banquet was served at the Arlington hotel. This Chapter started out with fifty candidates, in addition to the seventeen Companions who petitioned for the Dispensation, thus making a very good beginning, their initial success being due largely to the enthusiasm of their officers and to the untiring work of Ex. Comp. Wallace and Comp. Russell during the process of organization.

I was to have visited this Chapter officially at the November Convocation, but at the request of the officers deferred my visit until the regular Convocation in January. On the occasion of my visit the Royal Arch degree was conferred in a very commendable manner, all officers being efficient. The Scribe E. has his books in excellent shape.

Humboldt Chapter is in a very fortunate situation, being on the main line of the Canadian Northern Railway, and having a number of Blue Lodges from which

to select material. There is no doubt that Humboldt Chapter will soon prove to be one of the best under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and I have no hesitation in recommending that a Charter be granted to this Chapter.

Visit of Grand Z.—On July 19th, the Grand First Principal favored this District with an official visit, which was held at Saskatoon and attended by representatives of some of the other Chapters in the District. The meeting was one of valuable instruction, and the visit of the Grand First Principal has left an impression in the West that will no doubt be productive of good results in Capitular Masonry.

In concluding, I most sincerely thank the officers and Companions for their many acts of kindness and assistance to the humble representative of the Grand First Principal.

Fraternally submitted,

R. Blackwood.
Acting Grand Supt., Sask. North District, No. 19a.

Saskatoon, Sask.

SASKATCHEWAN NORTH DISTRICT, No. 19A

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Saskatoon.....	165	Saskatoon.....	10	3	13	35	7	5.00	256	27	25	2	..	4	..	..	279	25	24	24	123	.....	5000.00	159.00	600.00	843.00	600.00	.....	Good	Yes
Prince Albert....	160	Prince Albert..	10	1	11	13	1	3.00 6.00	96	6	6	..	1	3	22	1	77	6	5	5	6	None	.....	613.00	1500.00	287.00	1000.00	15.00	Good	Yes
Battleford.....	181	Battleford.....	4	..	4	10	1	3.00 5.00	62	2	2	..	..	1	..	1	62	2	2	2	47	150.00	1815.00	256.64	1000.00	561.50	400.00	.....	Fair	Yes
Humboldt.....	U.D	Humboldt.....	7	..	7	18	2	3.00 3.00	17	53	50	..	..	..	..	..	67	50	49	49	..	.....	700.00	26.00	674.00	.....	450.00	.....	Excel'nt	Yes
King George.....	U.D	Yorkton.....	10	4	14	12	1	5.00 3.50	17	33	33	1	..	..	..	..	51	33	33	33	...	.....	690.00	.....	.....	39.50	400.00	.....	Good	Yes

SASKATCHEWAN WEST DISTRICT, NO. 19B.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District.

ASSINIBOIA CHAPTER, U.D., ASSINIBOIA.—Accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. McCauley, Ex. Comps. McMilland and Chisholm of Moose Jaw, and Morris of Regina, my first official visit was made to this Chapter, April 3rd. After travelling from 8 a.m. until about 4.30 p.m., we reached our destination and were most cordially welcomed by a number of the Companions who were awaiting the arrival of the train. The occasion of our visit was the institution of Assiniboia Chapter and although there may have been a little misgiving at the opening on account of numbers, before leaving we were all more than satisfied that the Chapter was in good hands and was one of which we would all be proud. The Chapter room fills all requirements. The regalia, etc., is new, in good order and is well taken care of. Assiniboia Chapter made a good start.

By far the best event of the year was the visit, June 16th, of the M. Ex. the Grand Z., and as we had been advised by the Grand Scribe E. that the Grand First Principal was anxious to impart knowledge regarding the proper conferring of the ritualistic work of the Royal Craft, a Chapter of Instruction was called and outside Chapters requested to confer the degrees at Moose Jaw. Assiniboia Chapter alone was able to be present and the afternoon session, which was previously planned, was cancelled. The officers of Assiniboia Chapter conferred the Most Excellent Master degree, which was followed by the Royal Arch, being exemplified by Moose Jaw Chapter. Many interesting and instructive questions were asked and answers given and the M. Ex. the Grand Z. drew attention to many details in connection with both degrees,

the proper carrying out of which was greatly appreciated by the Companions. To have a visit from one who is so well informed in connection with the Royal Craft, as was our distinguished visitor, cannot but produce results, the effect of which will be far reaching and I would strongly advocate frequent visits of such a nature being encouraged by Grand Chapter.

Estevan Chapter, No. 180, Estevan.—I visited this Chapter, June 27th, and although the Convocation was called for eight o'clock, it was considerably later than that before the opening took place. However, after getting started, the Royal Arch degree was conferred upon quite a large number of candidates, who seemed to be very enthusiastic and full of promise for the future welfare of the Chapter and with the spirit of good fellowship amongst the Companions, nothing but optimism prevailed. The books of this Chapter are in a better condition than when last reported and I think the prospects for Estevan Chapter are very good.

Assiniboia Chapter, U.D., Assiniboia.—On Thursday, November 9th, I made another official visit to this Chapter and found everything in a very thriving condition. The Companions conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a very creditable manner and, as usual, gave us a splendid reception. The interest taken by the Companions in their Chapter, their equipment and also their present condition, leads me to believe that Assiniboia Chapter will have a most successful period before it, and I would recommend that the Chapter be granted a Charter.

Unity Chapter, No. 186, Swift Current.—My visit to this Chapter was planned for December 13th, and arrangements were completed for conferring the three degrees, starting in the afternoon. The day was extremely cold and our train should have left Moose Jaw about noon, arriving in Swift Current about 4 p.m. It was first reported to be one hour late, but was after six before pulling out of Moose Jaw yards and, losing almost two hours on the way, we arrived about midnight. I was met at the station by V. Ex. Comp.

Yayer, and on reaching the Chapter room found the labors of the degree ended and the Companions at refreshments. It was my first visit to Unity Chapter and, as the Companions have a good reputation throughout the District for the manner in which they conduct their Chapter, I was very much disappointed at not being in attendance earlier, but the C.P.R. and elements combined were to blame. The Chapter room and equipment are all that could be desired and the spirit of the Companions is well represented in the name of their Chapter.

Moose Jaw Chapter, No. 162, Moose Jaw.—On Friday, December 15th, I visited this Chapter and while there was no degree work done at that time, I have seen all the degrees worked and have been present at all the meetings throughout the year. The Ex. Z. has called a number of informal meetings of the officers during the autumn months for the purpose of rehearsing the degree work and a marked improvement is the result. The dues outstanding are large, but Ex. Comp. Smith has been elected to the office of Scribe E. for the ensuing year and a clean-up may be looked for. The prospects of the Chapter are good.

Weyburn Chapter, No. 173, Weyburn.—On Wednesday, January 10th, I made my official visit to Weyburn Chapter and at the same time held a Chapter of Instruction, at which four Chapters of the District were represented, and all of the degree work was exemplified. Moose Jaw Chapter, No. 162, conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in the afternoon, Assiniboia Chapter, U.D., the Most Excellent Master degree in the early evening, followed by the Royal Arch degree by Weyburn Chapter, No. 173. R. Ex. Comps. McCauley and Sharpe were in attendance, also a goodly number of Companions from the above Chapters and Estevan. To most of the visiting Companions it meant being away for almost two days, but all agree that the time was well spent and have returned to their respective homes feeling better fitted for their work, both in and out of the Chapter.

The Chapter room at Weyburn is an ideal one and the Companions spared no efforts to make the Con-

vocation a success. After conferring the degrees, an opportunity was given to ask questions, and a profitable time was spent. The refreshments were looked after by the Companions of Weyburn in their own banquet hall and nothing could have been nicer. The books in connection with Weyburn Chapter are in good order, but no record of reports to Grand Chapter have been kept. Weyburn Chapter has a bright future.

During the year a petition was received from Shaunavon for a Chapter and September 4th R. Ex. Comp. Green, of Swift Current, instituted the Chapter. Owing to pressure of business, the First Principal has found it necessary to resign and a Convocation has been called to elect a new officer. On account of the above, the Companions have not been able to get in good working order and should not be granted a Charter at this time.

I wish to express my appreciation for appointment to the office of Grand Superintendent for Saskatchewan West District, No. 19B, and to thank the Companions throughout the District for the many courtesies shown during the year, also my deep regard for the excellent support given by many of the Companions, particularly R. Ex. Comps. McCauley and Green, and Ex. Comps. MacMillan and Chisholm.

Fraternally submitted,

R. H. Clarke,
Grand Supt., Saskatchewan West District, No. 19B.

Moose Jaw, Sask.

SASKATCHEWAN WEST DISTRICT, No. 19B

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Moose Jaw	162	Moose Jaw	6	4	10	18	2	3.00	240	12	11	3	4	2	..	..	256	12	3	2	113	87.50	2300.00	592.00	800.00	400.00	500.00	155.00	Good	Yes
Weyburn	173	Weyburn	12	2	14	13	6	3.00	107	7	7	..	..	..	8	..	104	7	7	7	15	.....	1200.00	.....	.....	166.25	300.00	100.00	Good	Yes
Estevan	180	Estevan	11	7	18	16	2	5.00	51	22	20	1	..	1	9	1	63	20	19	19	11	None	1025.00	675.00	350.00	164.00	350.00	Nil	Excel'nt	Yes
Unity	186	Swift Current	11	2	13	20	3	6.00	85	16	12	2	3	2	..	1	99	12	11	11	15	None	2530.47	844.57	1685.90	211.00	600.00	Nil	Very bright	Yes
Assiniboia	U.D	Assiniboia	8	..	8	13	2	5.00	...	19	19	..	..	..	..	..	28	19	19	16	...	.....	502.54	52.54	450.00	.....	400.00	Nil	Very bright	Yes
Shaunavon	U.D	Shaunavon	1	2	3	14	....	.....	...	14	11	..	..	..	..	..	31	11	11	11	...	410.00	800.00	.....	.....	.....	500.00	Nil	Good	No

SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT, NO. 19c.

To the Most Excellent Z., Officers and Companions of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in District 19c. I visited all the Chapters in the District and was received without exception with the greatest respect and cordiality as the representative of the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal. I found on my official visits the best of harmony prevailed in every Chapter and the work well and uniformly done. At the two Chapters of Instruction which I held, the Grand First Principal was present, and his presence and instruction was an inspiration to us. The officers of the various Chapters are enthused with the proper spirit and the members have perfect confidence in them. All the Chapters are in good financial condition, have comfortable and well-equipped rooms and the prospects for the future are good.

WASCANA CHAPTER, NO. 121, REGINA.—I visited Wascana Chapter May 25th. The degrees of Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master were conferred on three candidates in a very able manner. In fact, I have never seen the two degrees put on so well. This Chapter is in splendid financial shape and the best of harmony exists. An Honor Roll of the members of the Chapter who have enlisted was unveiled by R. Ex. Comp. Gorrell.

I held a Chapter of Instruction June 15th, when the M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, was present, also R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, Grand Second Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada. The Officers conferred all three degrees to the entire satisfaction of the Grand Z. and myself. At this meeting all the Chapters in my District were represented with the exception of Golden Compass.

Moose Mountain Chapter, No. 166, Arcola.—I visited this Chapter May 27th at a meeting called for 8 p.m. There being no degree work, we held a Chapter of Instruction in which most of the work in all the degrees was exemplified by the officers, who did not need much assistance or instruction. I was pleased to find the members enthused with the proper Masonic spirit and may say that the Chapter has increased considerably in membership since my visit.

Golden Compass, No. 170, Sintaluta.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter at its regular meeting October 24th. Owing, no doubt, to the wet weather and the impassable condition of the roads and the fact that a large percentage of the members live in the country, the attendance was small. As there was no degree work we held a Chapter of Instruction and the officers had their work up fairly well.

Trinity Chapter, No. 192, Melville.—This being my home Chapter and having attended every meeting since it was instituted, I can vouch for the manner in which the work is carried on. However, I paid my official visit at the regular Convocation April 13th, when the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees were conferred by Ex. Comp. Cunningham, M.P.P. He was assisted by V. Ex. Comp. Henning and the work was done in the usual good form. V. Ex. Comp. Henning, Scribe E., keeps his books in good shape.

The officers and Members of the Chapter are very enthusiastic and can see more in Chapter Masonry than meeting in Convocation and conferring degrees. The prospects of the Chapter could not be brighter, the finances are in good shape, the regalia, etc., are of the best, and the Chapter room is quite suitable and well kept.

I arranged for a Chapter of Instruction July 21st at which the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada was present. The work in all degrees was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner. At this Chapter of Instruction a large number of Companions

of King George Chapter, of Yorkton, and Mt. Sinai Chapter, Rivers, were present.

Govan Chapter, No. 193, Govan.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter May 23rd. I received a hearty welcome by the Companions, after being met at the depot by R. Ex. Comp. Clark. While there was no degree work to do the officers exemplified the work in the Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch degrees, which they did with great credit to themselves. The Chapter is in splendid shape and good prospects lie before it. I was much impressed with the interest taken by the members of the Chapter.

Orient Chapter, No. 194, Moosomin.—I officially visited Orient Chapter June 2nd at an Emergent Meeting called for that purpose. The attendance was not large on account of so many of the members having enlisted and gone overseas. There being no degree work we held a Chapter of Instruction. The officers have their work well in hand and the best of harmony prevails. The books are kept in good shape and I can see a splendid future for this Chapter.

I desire to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the representatives of the district in recommending me to so responsible a position and to the Grand Z. for my appointment as Grand Supt. I assure them that I have made every endeavor to fulfil the trust reposed in me and also to impress on the Companions of the various Chapters that Masonry is a life and not a ritual.

In conclusion, I would take this opportunity of thanking the Companions for the cordial manner in which I was received when on my official visit and the kind spirit in which they received any criticism I felt it my duty to make.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

R. Garin,
Grand Supt., Sask. E. District, No. 19c.

Melville, Sask.

SASKATCHEWAN EAST DISTRICT, No. 19c

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amt. Expended in Benevolence.	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z work all Degrees ?
								$														$	$	$	$	$	$	$		
Wascana	121	Regina	10	4	14	23	6	3.00	213	..	7	2	..	5	..	3	214	7	8	10	39	.....	.....	1275.00	500.00	511.00	350.00	.....	Good	Yes
Golden Compass	170	Sintaluta	7	..	7	10	....	4.00	53	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	48	..	..	..	19	50.00	.....	265.19	656 95	319.98	1000.00	.....	Fair	Yes
Orient	194	Moosomin	10	1	11	15	....	5.00	67	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	71	..	..	..	..	.....	800.00	600.00	.....	20.00	400.00	24.00	Good	Yes
Trinity	192	Melville	12	2	14	18	1	3.00	55	18	18	..	..	1	6	1	65	18	17	17	15	.....	.....	217.00	600.00	66.75	400.00	.....	Good	Yes
Govan	193	Govan	9	2	11	15	4	6.00	60	6	6	1	..	1	..	..	66	6	6	6	12	733.73	843.85	215.00	432.60	202.25	800.00	.....	Good	Yes

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 20.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS :

I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in New Ontario District, No. 20, for the year 1916.

I wish, first of all, to express my thanks to the Past Superintendents and Past First Principals for the part they took in making my visits to the different Chapters of the District both pleasant and profitable. Peace, harmony and good fellowship have reigned supreme among the Companions of the District.

ALGONQUIN CHAPTER, NO. 102, SAULT STE. MARIE. —This Chapter is one of the best in the District, is well officered, has a most efficient Scribe E. and a splendid choir. I paid my official visit to this Chapter December 15th, on the occasion of their twenty-fifth anniversary of institution, when I received a very warm welcome. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on three candidates in a faultless manner, the work of the P.S. being particularly good. I had the privilege of installing the officers elected and appointed for the year 1917. spirit of good fellowship permeated the gathering during the evening, especially at the Fourth degree, when several excellent addresses were delivered by the High Priest and his Companions of the Chapter from Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, showing the tender feelings of affection existing between these two Chapters, which struck me very forcibly. R. Ex. Comp. Simson gave a brief history of the Chapter from the date of its institution.

TUSCAN CHAPTER, NO. 95, SUDBURY.—I visited this Chapter officially December 8th and was accompanied by Ex. Comp. R. Y. Angus of St. John's Chapter. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred upon one candidate. The degree was worked in a creditable manner, the work of the First Principal being

particularly good. There was a small attendance of members, but the meeting did not lack in enthusiasm. After the work was over a very pleasant time was spent at the "Fourth degree."

St. John's Chapter, No. 103, North Bay.—This is my own Chapter, and I had the pleasure of being present at every meeting. I have seen all the degrees conferred during the year, the work being admirable and up to the standard of former years. I did not visit this Chapter officially, but had the pleasure of installing the officers for 1917.

Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, Mattawa.—I visited this Chapter officially December 28th and was most cordially received by the Companions. The membership of this Chapter is small and every resident member was present except one, who was called to relieve pain and suffering. The spirit of good fellowship among the Companions could not be surpassed. The "Fourth degree" was indeed a very pleasant hour. This Chapter deserves commendation for amount spent in benevolence, almost two dollars per member.

Temiskaming Chapter, No. 169, New Liskeard. —When visiting this Chapter, I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Haentschel, Ex. Comp. R. LeHeup, and several Companions of Cobalt Chapter. The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred on two candidates in a creditable manner. This Chapter has a large area and several Blue Lodges to draw from, and its future is assured. We were royally entertained at the "Fourth degree."

Cobalt Chapter, No. 203, Cobalt.—On December 19th I visited this Chapter and was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Haentschel, Ex. Comp. Taylor and several Companions of Temiskaming Chapter. I was indeed surprised at the splendid progress made by this Chapter since its date of Institution. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred in a perfect manner. The work of the First Principal could not be excelled in dignity and impressiveness. This Chapter has a bright future.

In closing I wish to thank the Companions for their many courtesies and assure them that I will always cherish the memories of my sojourn among the Companions of New Ontario.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

H. J. McAuslan,
Grand Supt., New Ontario District, No. 20.

North Bay, Ontario.

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 20

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amt. Expended in Benevolence.	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z work all Degrees ?
								$														$	$	$	$	$	$	$		
Algonquin	102	Sault Ste. Marie	10	14	24	20	2	3.00	294	21	14	2	..	5	..	1	304	14	9	9	39	None	4184.24	1794.24	2000.00	390.00	800.00	75.00	Bright	Yes
Tuscan	95	Sudbury	10	2	12	14	1	3.00	96	8	7	..	..	..	..	2	101	7	6	6	40	135.00	350.00	85.00	100.00	227.00	Nil	Nil	Bright	Yes
St. John's	103	North Bay	10	..	10	12	1	2.00	131	5	5	1	1	1	5	2	130	5	4	3	66	Nil	775.00	175.00	600.00	144.00	400.00	15.00	Bright	Yes
Temiskaming	169	New Liskeard	12	2	14	13	2	3.00	145	5	5	..	..	4	..	1	145	5	3	3	22	Nil	1680.00	880.00	800.00	380.00	500.00	20.00	Bright	Yes
Cobalt	203	Cobalt	10	2	12	19	3	3.00	65	7	5	..	..	..	..	1	69	5	5	5	..	.....	600.00	.....	600.00	69.00	400.00	Nil	Bright	Yes
Pembroke	58	Mattawa	5	2	7	9	3	2.40	52	3	2	..	..	..	..	1	53	2	2	2	..	.....	1200.00	825.00	375.00	50.00	250.00	100.00	Fair	Yes

KLONDIKE CHAPTER, NO. 154, UNATTACHED.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Yukon District for the year 1916.

Being a resident of Dawson and a member of Klondike Chapter (the only one in the district), holding its Convocations at Dawson, it naturally follows that I am present at all, or nearly all of these Convocations, and, therefore, in close touch with Chapter matters at all times, and it is my pleasure to say that Chapter affairs are in a very healthy condition. With considerable new material in sight, things look very much brighter than at this time last year.

Since my last report several of the Companions have responded to the call to serve King and Country and, like all the Chapters in Canada, Klondike Chapter will be represented in the trenches before a very long time.

At the December Convocation, assisted by Ex. Comp. T. G. Bragg, I had the pleasure of installing the new officers, and as usual, Klondike Chapter has a very capable set of officers, with a thorough grasp of Chapter work, and all in all, the prospects for a good year are bright.

I desire to take this opportunity to thank the M. Ex. the Grand Z. for the signal honor shown me in conferring upon me the rank of R. Ex. Companion, and for the confidence shown in appointing me Acting Grand Superintendent of this District.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. GILLIS,
Acting Grand Supt., Yukon District.

Dawson, Y.T.

YUKON DISTRICT (UNATTACHED)

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M.M.M. Conf.	M.E.M. Conf.	R.A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amt. Expended in Benevolence.	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z work all Degrees ?
Klondike.....	154	Dawson, Y.T..	8	..	8	19	....	$ 5.00	119	2	2	..	2	2	3	..	118	2	2	3	26	$ 160.00	$ 1558.57	$ 958.57	$ 600.00	$ 143.59	$ 500.00	$ 150.00	Good	Yes

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, and

Resolved,—That the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts be referred to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, to report later at this Convocation.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Fraternal greetings by letters and telegrams were received from a number of Companions. Among those read were : M. Ex. Comps. J. E. Harding, of Lindsay, and Abraham Shaw, of Kingston, P.G.Z.'s of the Grand Chapter of Canada ; William Noble, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, near the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma ; George N. Delap, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, near the Grand Chapter of Connecticut ; R. G. Conolly, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, near the Grand Chapter of Canada ; F. B. Gregory, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, near the Grand Chapter of Canada ; and Saskatoon Chapter, Saskatoon, Sask.

The absence of M. Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw was explained by the M. Ex. the Grand Z. as being due to a severe accident. It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, and

Resolved,—That the Grand Scribe E. be instructed to send a telegram to M. Ex. Comp. Shaw, regretting his inability to be present at this Annual Convocation and wishing he may have a speedy recovery.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

Companions,—In my report last year I said, "The future prospects of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction are exceedingly bright," and the information about to be imparted will show I was not misleading you. Notwithstanding the great European conflict,

in which Canada is taking a laudable part, it will be seen from this report the Companions of the Royal Craft, in their endeavors for its welfare, "never forget that every station in life is necessary ; that each deserves our respect ; that not the station itself, but the worthy fulfilment of its duties does honor to man."

The Scribes E. are beginning to realize, at least, a majority of them, that exactness in little duties becomes a wonderful source of cheerfulness. A few of them require to be reminded that promptitude is not only a duty, but is also a part of good manners, and a little attention and energy will form the habit of promptness so as to make it easy and delightful for Companions to do business one with the other.

Every communication received at the office of the Grand Scribe E. receives a courteous reply, and during the year, from January 3rd, 1916, to December 30th, 1916, 2,035 letters and 1,800 circulars (200 of which were typewritten) have been sent out in answer to communications or else seeking information for the proper discharge of the duties of the office.

Last year, I said, more than eight hundred of our Companions had enlisted to perform a duty to King and Country. This year the Proceedings will contain an Honor Roll, suitably prefaced, with over twelve hundred and fifty names of Companions who have gone forth to fight (and some have paid the "Supreme Sacrifice"), against a perverted spirit of misguided military autocracy that for many years prepared itself to become a dominant power in the world.

There were reported last year two delinquent Chapters, Crow's Nest Chapter, No. 137, at Fernie, B.C., and Kootenay Chapter, No. 120, at Kaslo, B.C.

Respecting Crow's Nest Chapter, the Scribe E. of Rocky Mountain Chapter, No. 125, wrote me January 10th, 1917, that some of the Companions af Cranbrook, B.C., were trying to get the Companions of Fernie together to see if something could not be done to resuscitate Crow's Nest Chapter. February 20th the Scribe E. of Rocky Mountain Chapter again wrote, enclosing a petition, signed by every resident member of

the Chapter in Fernie but two, and these two, it was subsequently learned, were in favor of surrendering the Charter of Crow's Nest Chapter to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and in the event of the Companions of Fernie wishing to assume the responsibility of forming a new Chapter at any future time, it was understood and agreed that the Companions of Rocky Mountain Chapter would assist in carrying out the object.

As to Kootenay Chapter, No. 120, this Chapter has paid all fees charged against it and it would appear that it is about entering upon a period of progress.

The Malloch Chapter, No. 66, Seaforth, Ontario, has not made its return, but the Scribe E. of the Chapter says he expects shortly to be able to do so.

As authorized by the Audit and Finance Committee the Registers have been recovered and an inventory of all supplies, regalia, jewels and furniture belonging to Grand Chapter placed in the hands of the Chairman. Regarding the adoption of a loose leaf system for the records in the office of the Grand Scribe E., at the present time I do not deem it advisable to make a recommendation.

Regarding the total membership to December 31st, 1916, it will be noticed, from the subjoined figures, that we show a decrease, but we must remember that we have had twelve Chapters, with a membership of 773, sever their connection with the Grand Chapter of Canada and join with the Grand Chapter of Alberta. The total membership for the year ending December 31st, 1915, was 19,179, and on December 31st, 1916, it was 18,982, which only shows a net loss of 197. The Grand Chapter of Canada is to be congratulated upon such a result. It will be seen also from the subjoined figures that the Provinces of Ontario and Saskatchewan are rapidly increasing their membership.

The attached Annual Statement shows $8,115.38, in fees and dues, has been received from the different Chapters, which is fully set forth, with the disbursements, in the reports of the Treasurer and Audit and Finance Committee.

WARRANTS AND SEALS RETURNED FROM THE ALBERTA CHAPTERS.

In the adjustment of the Alberta difficulty it was arranged that the Warrants and Seals of the Chapters severing their connection with the Grand Chapter of Canada should be returned to the office of the Grand Scribe E. The position of the Chapters respecting their warrants and seals to date is as follows :

CHAPTER NO.

106—Alberta, Calgary. Warrant and seal not returned.

118—North Star, Edmonton. Warrant returned. Seal not returned as it was destroyed.

126—Assiniboia, Medicine Hat. Warrant and seal returned.

159—Golden West, High River. Warrant and seal returned.

176—Bekah, Macleod. Duplicate and original warrant, as well as seal, returned.

179—Otuskwan, Calgary. Warrant and seal returned.

196—Keystone, Red Deer. Warrant and seal returned.

197—Capital City, Edmonton. Warrant and seal returned.

199—Vermilion, Vermilion. Seal returned. Warrant not returned

200—Hillvue, Hillcrest. Warrant and seal not returned.

202—Mount Olivet, Killam. Warrant and seal not returned.

204—Norwood, Edmonton. Warrant returned. Did not have seal.

Chapters which joined Grand Chapter of Alberta in May, 1914 :

172—Mount Horeb, Wetaskiwin. Warrant and seal returned.

188—Bow Valley, Gleichen. Warrant and seal not returned as they were destroyed by fire.

189—Calgary, Calgary. Warrant and seal not returned.

ACTIVE CHAPTERS.

The Chapters reporting 15 or more exaltations during the year are as follows :

Humboldt, U.D., Humboldt, 50 ; The St. Patrick, No. 145, Toronto, 48 ; St. John's, No. 3, London, 39 ; St. George's, No. 5, London, 36 ; King George, U.D., Yorkton, 33 ; Ark, No. 80, Windsor, 32 ; Shuniah, No. 82, Port Arthur, and London, No. 150, London, 30 each ; Toronto, No. 185, Toronto, 26 ; King Solomon's, No. 8, Toronto ; Shekinah, No. 158, Lethbridge, and Saskatoon, No. 165, Saskatoon, 25 each ; St. John's, No. 6, Hamilton, 24 ; Antiquity, No. 91, Toronto, 23 ; Carleton, No. 16, Ottawa, and Estevan, No. 180, Estevan, 20 each ; Wellington, No. 47, Chatham, and Assiniboia, U.D., Assiniboia, 19 each ; Willson, No. 64, Welland, and Trinity, No. 192, Melville, 18 each ; Occident, No. 77, Toronto, 17 ; The Hiram, No. 2, Hamilton ; Tecumseh, No. 24, Stratford ; Prince Rupert, No. 52, Winnipeg ; Fort William, No. 140, Fort William ; and Kelowna, No. 206, Kelowna, 16 each ; Sombra, No. 153, Sombra, 15.

NEW CHAPTERS.

After the last Annual Convocation the authorized warrants were engrossed and forwarded to the proper officers for the following Chapters : Cobalt, No. 203, Cobalt ; Norwood, No. 204, Edmonton ; Victoria, No. 205, Thornhill ; Kelowna, No. 206, Kelowna.

CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION.

King George Chapter, U.D., Yorkton, Sask., received its dispensation in 1914, but owing to unavoidable circumstances was not instituted until December 30th, 1915. This Chapter, as intimated, has added to its roll during the year 36, making its membership, December 31st, 1916, 51.

Assiniboia Chapter, U.D., Assiniboia, Sask., received its dispensation in 1915 and was instituted during the past year. It has added, as mentioned, to its roll during the past year 19, making its membership, December 31st, 1916, 28.

In addition to the foregoing Chapters, which have been regularly instituted, are to be added :

Humboldt Chapter, U.D., Humboldt, Sask.—Seventeen petitioners : Edgar Talbot Wallace, William Reuben Russell, Jacob George Yoerger, George Roger Watson, Robert James Kepkey, Otto Waldemar Andreasen, John Albert Stirling, John M. Crerar, James Chisholm King, George Russell Baird, William Stockall, Albert Edward Pike, George Wilson, No. 165 ; William G. Stinson, No. 171 ; William Russell Learmouth, No. 162 ; Henry John Foik, No. 99 ; G.R.C., William H. Stiles, No. 14, G.R.N.S.

Shaunavon Chapter, U.D., Shaunavon, Sask.—Twenty petitioners : James W. Webber, John Alexander Campbell, John McKellop, No. 166 ; Joseph R. Yorke, James B. Swanston, No. 162 ; Andrew Olaf Anderson, Arthur Woods Hicks, No. 173 ; Hugh Brown, No. 115 ; James McCoubrey, James Arthur McNicol, No. 52 ; Lewis M. Robinson, Sevart Slovarp, Henry McPherson, No. 186 ; Gordon A. Ellis, No. 46 ; Thomas Roulston, No. 180 ; Thomas W. Mullin, No. 112 ; William McLean, No. 27, G.R.C. ; George W. Pomeroy, No. 1 ; G.R. Que. ; John A. Sampson, No. 26 ; G.R.S. Dak. ; Ernest J. Graham, No. 62, G.R. Maine.

Kitchener Chapter, U.D., Russell, Ont.—Nine petitioners : George Sutherland, James William Ball, Shaler Dorwin Hill, John Harrington, James Alexander Cochrane, James Albert Fielding, Donald Andrew McArthur, George Alexander Cockburn, Andrew Walker, No. 16, G.R.C.

BY-LAWS.

By-laws have been presented to the M. Ex. the Grand Z. and approved for the following Chapters :

Mount Moriah, No. 19 ; St. Paul's, No. 65 ; Cobalt, No. 203 ; Victoria, No. 205 ; Kelowna, No. 206.

Amendments to by-laws have also been submitted and approved as follows :

The Hiram, No. 2 ; St. John's, No. 3 ; St. George's, No. 5 ; Harris, No. 41 ; Mount Nebo, No. 76 ; Shun-

iah, No. 82 ; Westminster, No. 124 ; Succoth, No. 135 ; Cyrus, No. 142 ; London, No. 150 ; Alberton, No. 152 ; Okanagan, No. 157 ; The Beaches, No. 163 ; Otuskwan, No. 179 ; Unity, No. 186 ; North Vancouver, No. 191 ; Trinity, No. 192.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters, Warranted	166		
Number of Chapters, U.D.	1		
	167		
Number of Members, December 31st, 1915			19,179
Number of Registrations, December 31st, 1916	1,384		
Number of Joinings, December 31st, 1916	148		
Number of Restorations, December 31st, 1916	56		
		1,588	
Number of Withdrawals, December 31st, 1916	1,091		
Number of Suspensions, December 31st, 1916	442		
Number of Deaths, December 31st, 1916	252		
		1,785	
Net Loss			197
Total Membership, December 31st, 1916			18,982

By Provinces.	Net Additions.	Net Removals.
Saskatchewan	237	30
Alberta	27	773
Manitoba	22	34
British Columbia	55	94
Ontario	564	171
	905	1,102
Net Loss		197

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP BY PROVINCES.

Saskatchewan	1,650
Alberta	164
Manitoba	1,268
British Columbia	1,516
Ontario	14,384
Total Membership, 31st December, 1916	18,982

ANNUAL STATEMENT

YEAR 1st FEBRUARY, 1916, TO 31st JANUARY, 1917

FEES AND DUES FROM CHAPTERS

1	Ant. Frontenac and Cataraqui	$ 62.50
2	The Hiram	121.15
3	St. John's	173.50
4	St. Andrew and St. John	71.65
5	St. George's	148.25
6	St. John's	150.25
7	The Moira	82.05
8	King Solomon's	126.55
15	Wawanosh	95.20
16	Carleton	120.00
18	Oxford	34.30
19	Mount Moriah	65.05
20	Mount Horeb	51.25
22	Grenville	16.25
23	Ezra	48.95
24	Tecumseh	74.75
26	St. Mark's	57.15
27	Manitou	66.50
28	Pentalpha	28.70
29	McCallum	48.95
30	Huron	38.90
31	Prince Edward	46.90
32	Waterloo	50.25
34	Signet	51.55
35	Keystone	54.95
36	Corinthian	56.00
37	Victoria	39.25
40	Guelph	49.40
41	Harris	32.00
44	Mount Sinai	31.75
45	Excelsior	26.25
46	St. James	43.40
47	Wellington	101.35
48	St. John's	34.10
52	Prince Rupert's	135.55
53	Bruce	33.45
54	Palestine	103.40
55	Niagara	20.25
56	Georgian	66.90
57	King Hiram	16.90
58	Pembroke	32.50
59	Sussex	44.75
60	Doric	18.50
61	Granite	21.00
62	York	48.25
63	Havelock	29.65
64	Willson	$77.20
65	St. Paul's	57.25
67	Enterprise	59.55
68	Maitland	15.75
69	Grimsby	55.25
70	Grand River	23.00
71	Prince of Wales	44.25
72	Keystone	41.00
73	Erie	43.65
74	Beaver	32.15
75	St. Clair	29.50
76	Mt. Nebo	63.40
77	Occident	152.00
78	Minnewawa	19.50
79	Orient	44.50
80	Ark	155.15
81	Aylmer	46.95
82	Shuniah	118.85
83	Ionic	26.10
84	Lebanon	22.50
86	Macpherson	20.75
88	MacNabb	19.00
90	Golden	64.65
91	Antiquity	11.00
94	Midland	52.45
95	Tuscan	75.25
98	Vancouver	70.90
99	Keystone	23.75
100	St. Lawrence	24.00
101	Corinthian	31.25
102	Algonquin	108.25
103	St. John's	43.00
104	White Oak	28.50
110	Warkworth	18.50
112	St. John's	31.00
113	Covenant	28.60
114	Bonnechere	29.60
115	Brant	19.30
116	Maple	30.00
117	Kitchener	49.00
119	King Cyrus	22.50
121	Wascana	65.90
122	Rossland	25.40
123	Nelson	32.25
124	Westminster	60.40
125	Rocky Mountain	37.25
126	Assiniboia	51.35
127	Keystone	28.95

128	Revelstoke	$43.30
129	Elliott	19.25
130	Chantry	17.45
131	Amabel	11.75
132	Leeds	22.40
133	St. Francis	29.00
135	Succoth	28.50
136	King Edward	46.75
138	Shekinah	61.15
139	St. Andrew's	25.50
140	Fort William	84.30
141	Keystone	23.00
142	Cyrus	25.10
143	Glengarry	14.50
144	Presque Isle	12.50
145	St. Patrick	225.75
146	Bernard	20.75
148	St. John's	11.25
149	Atwood	20.95
150	London	119.75
151	Laurentian	17.75
152	Alberton	13.35
153	Sombra	38.25
154	Klondike	23.50
155	Ancaster	28.25
156	Avondale	43.50
157	Okanagan	28.25
158	Shekinah	106.80
159	Golden West	39.98
160	Prince Albert	32.00
161	Madoc	36.95
162	Moose Jaw	89.50
163	The Beaches	39.25
164	Lorne	24.35
165	Saskatoon	124.60
167	Kichikewana	20.40
168	Ionic	39.30
169	Temiskaming	5.25
170	Golden Compass	33.50
171	Rabboni	$44.35
173	Weyburn	62.85
174	Boundary	10.75
175	The Hamilton	34.25
176	Bekah	13.75
177	Kether	12.85
178	Kaien	33.00
179	Otuskwan	14.75
180	Estevan	64.50
181	Battleford	2.40
182	Camosun	59.30
183	Mount Sinai	44.40
184	Hugh Murray	12.50
185	Toronto	104.50
186	Unity	58.00
187	Connaught	47.35
191	North Vancouver	17.25
192	Trinity	35.05
193	Govan	31.25
194	Orient	22.55
195	Peel	21.75
196	Keystone	1.00
197	Capital City	29.25
198	Couchiching	24.00
201	Tau Cross	15.75
203	Cobalt	42.25
204	Norwood	28.20
205	Victoria	23.85
206	Kelowna	57.50
207	King George	85.50
208	Assiniboia	53.00
209	Humboldt	119.00
210	Kitchener	44.70
U.D.	Shaunavon	53.50
	Sundries	42.55
		$8,115.38

Fraternally submitted

HENRY T. SMITH

Grand Scribe E.

GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

1st February, 1916, to 31st January, 1917.

Received by Grand Scribe "E" on account of Dues, Fees, etc., from Chapters	$8,115 38	Accounts Paid— Cheques and Cash	$7,418 89
Interest on Investments	1,601 63	Benevolent Cheques	1,705 00
			$9,123 89
		Excess of Income over Expenditure	593 12
	$9,717 01		$9,717 01

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Investments, 31st Jan., 1916, as per last Account	$31,397 61	Investments, 31st Jan., 1917, as per Schedule	$31,397 61

31st January, 1916, Capital—

At Canadian Bank of Commerce	$4,353 86	
Incidentals Account, Overspent	6 66	
	$4,347 20	
Investments	31,397 61	
		$35,744 81

31st January, 1917, Capital—

At Canadian Bank of Commerce	$4,931 90	
Incidentals Account, in hand	8 42	
	$ 4,940 32	
Investments, as per Schedule	31,397 61	
		36,337 93
Capital Enhancement, as above		$593 12

BRYAN PONTIFEX,

Chartered Accountant.

INVESTMENTS HELD, 31ST JANUARY, 1917.

$16,352 30	Cost of $17,000 Industrial School Debentures, 5 per cent Interest. Due 1st December, 1925.
3,000 00	Mercantile Trust Company, Guaranteed Investment Receipt, bearing 5 per cent. Interest. Due 19th March, 1918.
2,000 00	Toronto General Trusts, due 1st January, 1919. Interest 5 per cent.
2,500 00	Toronto General Trusts, 1st January, 1918. Interest 4¾ per cent.
2,521 00	City of Stratford Debentures, due 1st January, 1927. Interest 4 per cent.
2,659 75	Town of Oshawa, $1,300.61, due 1st December, 1921; $1,359.14, due 1st December, 1922.
1,191 56	Village of Weston, $578.43, due 1st October, 1920; $613.13, due 1st October, 1921.
1,173 00	Cost of $1,200.00 Canadian War Loan. Interest 5 per cent. Due 1st December, 1925.
$31,397 61	

GEORGE MOORE,
Grand Treasurer.

BRYAN PONTIFEX,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, and

Resolved,—That the statements of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer for the year 1916, be received and referred to the Executive Committee for audit, and to report thereon at the present Convocation.

BENEVOLENCE.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

Your Committee on Benevolence have examined the applications presented to them, and respectfully recommend that the following grants be made :

Chapter No.	1.	Comp. E. H. B.	$ 60.00
" "	1.	Daughter of S. D. F.	30.00
" "	3.	Widow of J. W. W.	70.00
" "	3.	Comp. J. J. H.	100.00
" "	3.	Widow of T. W.	50.00
" "	6.	Widow of J. T. H.	50.00
" "	6.	Widow of A. H. M.	50.00
" "	8.	Widow of D. C.	130.00
" "	26.	Widow of H. C. C.	50.00
" "	28.	Comp. C. W. S.	100.00
" "	30.	Comp. R. R.	50.00
" "	37.	Widow of W. B. W.	60.00
" "	44.	Widow of H. R.	50.00
" "	52.	Widow of J. O'C.	80.00
" "	54.	Mother of T. H. L.	50.00
" "	59.	Daughter of W. B. S.	50.00
" "	62.	Widow of H. J. S.	50.00
" "	63.	Widow of P. F.	50.00
" "	63.	Widow of E. G. A.	50.00
" "	72.	Widow of J. E. H.	50.00
" "	72.	Children of J. E. H.	60.00
" "	76.	Widow of C. K.	60.00
" "	76.	Widow of R. H. W.	60.00
" "	77.	Widow of H. St. V. J.	50.00
" "	77.	Widow of W. P.	50.00
" "	125.	Widow of A. B. G.	100.00
" "	145.	Widow of J. L. R.	50.00
" "	145.	Widow of R. A. M.	50.00
" "	145.	Comp. W. J. K.	100.00
			$1,810.00

Fraternally submitted on behalf of the Committee,

J. B. Nixon,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

WARRANTS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

COMPANIONS,—Your Committee on Warrants beg to report as follows :

King George Chapter, at Yorkton, Sask., owing to some unavoidable cause last year, was not granted its warrant. During the past year, however, thirty-six members have been added to its roll, making a total membership of fifty-one. The Grand Superintendent speaks well of its future prospects.

Assiniboia Chapter, at Assiniboia, Sask., referred to in last year's report as not having been instituted, owing to an unfortunate accident to the Companion who was to be First Principal, during the year has added nineteen members to its roll, making a total membership of twenty-eight. The Grand Superintendent reports it to be in an excellent condition with a bright future.

Humboldt Chapter, at Humboldt, Sask., applied for a dispensation with seventeen petitioners. The Grand Superintendent reports that everything pertaining to this Chapter is in a highly satisfactory condition. The total membership of this Chapter is sixty-seven.

Shaunavon Chapter, at Shaunavon, Sask., had twenty petitioners when it was instituted and during the year has added eleven members, making the total membership thirty-one. The Grand Superintendent reports that this Chapter has not progressed as favorably as one would wish, that any degrees conferred were done by Companions from Swift Current. A certain adjustment is taking place among the officers which will, in his opinion, put the Chapter on a much better basis.

Kitchener Chapter, at Russell, Ont., applied for a dispensation with nine petitioners. The Grand Superintendent states that the future prospects of this Chapter are exceedingly bright. That its paraphernalia is of the best and the building in which it meets is quite in keeping with the dignity of the Royal Craft.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that warrants be granted to the following Chapters:

King George Chapter, No. 207, Yorkton, Sask.
Assiniboia Chapter, No. 208, Assiniboia, Sask.
Humboldt Chapter, No. 209, Humboldt, Sask.
Kitchener Chapter, No. 210, Russell, Ont., and
That Shaunavon Chapter Shaunavon, Sask., be continued under dispensation for the current year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

O. Ellwood,
Chairman of Committee on Warrants.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Canada :

Companions,—On Audit and Finance your Committee submit the following statement of the receipts and disbursements for the past year, certified to by the Auditor, Bryan Pontifex, Chartered Accountant :

SUMMARY CASH ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1917.

Balance, 31st January, 1916, as per last account		
At Bank of Commerce	$4,353.86	
Less due to Grand Scribe E	6.66	
		$4,347.20
Receipts during year :		
Certificates	$1,337.00	
Dues	4,831.85	
Fees	1,320.00	
Dispensations and Warrants	149.00	
Constitutions	270.40	
Sundries	207.13	
		8,115.38
Investment account :		
Interest received		1,601.63
		$14,064.21

Disbursements :		
Benevolent Grants		$1,705.00
Salaries	$2,550.00	
Superannuation	1,000.00	
Foreign Correspondence Report	200.00	
Office Rent, Telephone, etc.	590.50	
Premium on Guarantee Bond	10.00	
Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses	115.00	
Printing, Engrossing Warrants, including "Proceedings," $1,039.29, and copies of the work	2,266.62	
Auditing	150.00	
Funeral Wreaths	25.00	
Expenses, Grand Z.	300.00	
Consecration Vessels, etc.	25.00	
Fire Insurance	4.00	
	$7,236.12	
Grand Scribe E., Office Incidentals, Postage and Express and General Expenses	182.77	
		7,418.89
		$9,123.89
Balance, 31st January, 1917 :		
At Bank of Commerce	$4,931.90	
Incidentals Account, Balance in hand	8.42	
		4,940.32
		$14,064.21

I have maintained a running audit during the year and have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Grand Chapter. I certify that I have found them in order, and that the above is a correct summary of the Accounts. I also certify that I have verified the securities, the property of Grand Chapter, and that they are of a total (cost) value of $31,397.61 and face value of $32,072.31.

BRYANT PONTIFEX,
Chartered Accountant.

Toronto, 12th February, 1917.

Your Committee recommend the following appropriations :

J. B. Nixon, allowance as Inspector, to end of 1917	$ 100.00
Benevolence Grants	1,810.00
Foreign Correspondence Committee	200.00
Incidentals—Advance, 1917	200.00
Office Assistance	700.00
Auditor's Fee, 1916	150.00
Catering, Grand Chapter	100.00
Salary, Grand Scribe E.	2,000.00
Superannuation Allowance, Geo. J. Bennett	1,000.00
Special Expenses, G.Z., to Alberta and West	400.00

Your Committee note that before the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter an item of $2,500 of the Toronto General Trusts will become due and payable January 1st, 1918, and we would recommend that this sum be reinvested in Canadian War Loan, if available, or some other security equally valuable, so as to earn as high a rate of interest as possible.

With pleasure your Committee also note the continued prosperity of the Royal Craft, even in face of the conditions which now prevail, owing to the continuance of this awful war.

Everything has been found to be in a highly satisfactory condition in connection with the office of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally sumbitted,
R. H. SPENCER,
Chairman.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by R. Ex. Comp R. H. Spencer, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

Your Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry beg to present the annual report.

This report is based upon the returns submitted by the Grand Superintendents of Districts. By the formation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta three Districts have been removed from our territory, leaving twenty-three. There is, in addition to these, the unattached Klondike Chapter at Dawson City. Grand Chapter is to be congratulated on the able, painstaking and energetic manner in which its Grand Superintendents have performed their work. It has evidently been a labor of love ; and their reports very fairly set forth

the real conditions entering into Capitular affairs throughout the length and breadth of this Jurisdiction, imperial in extent as it is.

The position of Grand Superintendent is no sinecure. He must visit and inspect each Chapter in his charge, and some Districts are of enormous dimensions, requiring much time to be spent in travelling. The reports submitted by these officers indicate that almost invariably they have fully performed their official duties. The number of Chapters that did not receive official visits is eleven, as follows :

London District, No. 2.

Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, Parkhill.—The Grand Superintendent was on hand at the time appointed, but there was no quorum and the Chapter is reported not to be in a prosperous condition.

Huron District, No. 6.

Lucknow Chapter, No. 147, Lucknow.—The Grand Superintendent was unable to get in touch with any of the Companions. This Chapter seems to be practically dead.

Manitoba East District, No. 15.

King Edward Chapter, No. 136, Neepawa, Man. —Owing to the pressure of business the Superintendent could not arrange a visit before the report was sent in. The Chapter may have been visited on January 17th, 1917.

Kootenay District, No. 18.

There are four Chapters in this District, none of which have been visited. The Grand Superintendent moved from the District shortly after his appointment. He expresses regret that by his removal he was unable to fulfil his duties. Capitular Masonry seems to be in rather a poor way in this District. There are no returns from one Chapter, incomplete returns from another, while the remaining two Chapters report a falling off in membership. Nevertheless, true Masonic

sentiment prevails, one Chapter expending $233 in Benevolence.

Yale-Columbia District, No. 18a.

Rossland Chapter, No. 122, Rossland—Was not visited by the Grand Superintendent, but received a visit from the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal.

Saskatchewan North District, No. 19a.

Three Chapters were unvisited, viz. : Prince Albert Chapter, No. 160 ; Battleford Chapter, No. 181 ; King George Chapter, U.D. The Grand Superintendent's military duties took him overseas in October and his supervision of the district was handed over to a substitute.

All Superintendents appear to have received a hearty welcome and much hospitality wherever they went. Throughout the jurisdiction, from the Ottawa River to the Pacific, harmony and peace is reported to prevail. In most instances the Chapters have worked one or more degrees on the occasion of the official visit. The work is reported as good.

This Grand Convocation is the third since the great war was forced upon our Empire. It has often been said that Canada has not yet experienced the full measure of what war means, and it is a fact. Yet truly war has touched us not lightly, as our Chapters and also our families well know. In very many of the Districts special mention is made of the small attendance at Convocations, owing to the absence of members due to service conditions. It is estimated that about 1,250 Companions have enlisted for overseas. In many Chapters several of the principal officers, with numbers of their Companions, have gone to do their duty in the cause of truth and liberty, and, of course, this has had a natural effect. Material for candidates has also become scarce. On the whole, however, the Chapters have flourished and increased in membership. More strenuous efforts on the part of those who remain at home have to some extent compensated for the disarrangement caused by the absence of our dear Com-

panions at the front. As one Grand Superintendent puts it ; "Though the war has affected all Chapters in the District to a greater or less extent, first, by lessening the number of available candidates for admission, and secondly, by calling away many officers and members of the several Chapters, yet on the whole the District has shown a very creditable year, there being a slight increase in membership over last year."

Another one says : "A Companion in one Chapter said, 'I glory in the small attendance, because so many of the Companions are absent fighting for King and Country.' "

Another : "I have endeavored to impress on the officers of the Chapter that to be satisfied with doing one's duty is not enough in these days. Such a standard is altogether too modest. We must have men in the chairs with an overplus in life. Duty, plus energy, should be every officer's ambition. It is not what we get in life, but what we give that makes us rich."

This has been we believe, the prevailing sentiment throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. Duty is the watchword and thereby may we save our souls.

We have now on our rolls 167 Chapters, which are nine less than last year, and 18,982 members, arranged as follows, according to Provinces :

	MEMBERSHIP		
	1916	1915	
Ontario	14,384	13,991	net gain 393
Manitoba	1,268	1,280	net loss 12
Saskatchewan	1,650	1,443	net gain 207
British Columbia	1,516	1,555	net loss 39
Alberta	164	910	net loss 746
	18,982	19,179	net loss 197

These figures show a net loss of 197 as compared with last year. If the Province of Alberta is left out of the calculation, there has been a net gain of 549 members.

Your Committee have considered the reports from the Grand Superintendents of Alberta North, No. 17A, and Alberta South, No. 17C, lately of our jurisdiction. The former states that all the Chapters in that district have made application to and are now affiliated with the Grand Chapter of Alberta. The latter reports

that only two Chapters in Alberta South are loyal to the Grand Chapter of Canada, viz., Shekinah, No. 158, and Kether, No. 177. He adds that these Chapters have no particular desire to make a change unless the Grand Chapter of Canada wishes to withdraw entirely its jurisdiction in Alberta. No report was received from Alberta Central District, No. 17B.

The loss of territory entailed by the establishment of the Grand Chapter of Alberta has deprived us of nearly 800 members, but the satisfaction of retaining fraternal fellowship with our former associates largely outweighs any regrets that might be felt therefor. To the Grand First Principal is gladly given the credit of arranging with great tact and with a conciliatory spirit the parting of the way. Our sister, while the weakest of any of the Provinces in the number of constituent members, now has her destiny in her own hands, and with that boundless optimism as to the future, inseparable from the West, confidently faces whatever the years may have in store, with our blessing and good wishes.

Your Committee are of the opinion that this is an opportune time to have the Districts re-numbered. Three Districts have been removed from our list and five remain that are distinguished by sub-numbers. The result is awkward, confusing and cumbersome. Let us simplify.

Chapters of Instruction.

Chapters of Instruction were held in nine Districts, as follows :

St. Clair District, No. 1.
London District, No. 2.
Wellington District, No. 4.
Toronto District, No. 8.
St. Lawrence District, No. 12.
Ottawa District No. 13.
Manitoba West District, No. 15A.
Saskatchewan West Dist., No. 19B.
Saskatchewan East Dist., No. 19C.

This is a poor record in comparison with other years, and should be improved upon. These schools are most useful not only for instructional purposes, but as serving to broaden and strengthen social and fraternal bonds. Superintendents in the more thickly settled portions of the country should have no difficulty

in arranging them. The Saskatchewan Districts show an example that might well be followed by all. No. 19B held two Chapters of Instruction and No. 19C had several. We must sympathize with the difficulties felt by some Superintendents in this connection. In one case, after giving careful thought to the question, it was decided not to hold a Chapter of Instruction for three reasons, which are given. "First, that the Chapters most in need of instruction will not attend ; second, many Chapters are disrupted by call of the war; and third, train service in this District does not lend itself readily to the holding of such a Chapter by allowing the Companions to attend and return home the same day."

Your Committee are of the opinion that in these cases it is not necessary to bring the different Chapters together from long distances. If the Mountain can not come to Mahomet, Mahomet can go to the Mountain. The duty of the Grand Superintendent will be fully performed if he makes each official visit a Chapter of Instruction. Companions will thus be saved time and expense and Chapters that "most need instruction" will get it. One of the Western Superintendents adopted this procedure with apparently the very best results.

All the Superintendents in the West speak most warmly of the visit of the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal. Several Chapters of Instruction were held on his tour and the exemplification of the revised floor work in the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees, by the Grand First Principal, was a revelation of the possibilities in these beautiful degrees and it brought forth many warm expressions of approval from those who witnessed it. Wherever he went the Companions were roused to great enthusiasm and energy. Predictions of much good to Masonry as the result of this visit are made and will doubtless be fulfilled.

Book of Marks.

As a rule the Superintendents make no reference to a Book of Marks. Only two Chapters are mentioned as having such. No doubt there are others, but as a

general thing there seems to be very little attention given to the keeping of a proper record. This matter has frequently been referred to in former years by this Committee, and efforts have been made to induce Chapters to maintain the old custom. As might have been expected, all such attempts have been failures, because interest in Marks with their peculiar restrictions, and Books to keep them in have been almost entirely lost.

Past Principals' Association.

During the past year a Past Principals' Association was formed in Toronto District, No. 8, which will doubtless prove a great benefit to the Chapters. The advantages of such an Association are too manifest to need dwelling upon. A similar Association has been established in Hamilton District, No. 5, for several years and has more than justified the high hopes of its organizers. Your Committee trust that in other centres similar unions of Past Officers will be formed that will serve to further Masonic influence and to stimulate flagging interest.

FINANCIAL.

Your Committee have examined the statement of the Grand Treasurer and find that the Finances of Grand Chapter are well managed and investments made with caution at satisfactory rates of interest. Cash in hand, $4,940.32. Investments, $31,397.61, showing an enhancement of Capital of $593.12. The total cash assets to the credit of Grand Chapter is $36,337.93, which is $2,716 less than in 1914—accounted for by the Special Benevolent grant of $3,000 in 1915 to the Red Cross, Patriotic and Belgian Relief Funds.

Benevolence.

The amount disbursed by Grand Chapter in Benevolence during the past year was $1,705.00, being $97.00 in excess of 1915. Private Chapters expended in Benevolent grants $4,670.86, which is $910.00 less than the previous year. There can be no room for

doubt that claims in the near future will steadily increase. Many of our Companions, who are doing their bit on the blood-stained fields of Europe, will return sick and wounded, justly deserving our solicitous care. Let us husband our resources that we may not fail in the hour of need.

The following table shows the amount expended during 1916 in Benevolence by the various Districts; the second column gives a statement of outstanding dues:

	Benevolence	Outstanding Dues.
St. Clair District, No. 1	$ 77.00	$1,677.90
London District, No. 2	308.00	1,245.50
Wilson District, No. 3	135.00	430.00
Wellington District, No. 4	96.00	298.50
Hamilton District, No. 5	272.86	853.65
Huron District, No. 6	115.00	1,158.38
Niagara District, No. 7	205.00	780.60
Toronto District, No. 8	501.70	2,664.52
Georgian District, No. 9	75.00	1,120.00
Ontario District, No. 10	166.50	723.35
Prince Edward District, No. 11	231.00	997.65
St. Lawrence District, No. 12	150.00	728.25
Ottawa District, No. 13	325.00	1,051.45
Algoma District, No. 14	219.00	1,057.00
Manitoba East District, No. 15	325.00	3,959.50
Manitoba West District, No. 15A	125.00	2,010.35
British Columbia District, No. 16	406.80	2,190.15
Alberta District, No. 17C	157.50	637.55
Kootenay District, No. 18	238.00	351.00
Yale-Columbia District, No. 18A	50.00	835.00
Saskatchewan North District, No. 19A	15.00	1,731.00
Saskatchewan West District, No. 19B	255.00	941.25
Saskatchewan East District, No. 19C	24.00	1,119.98
New Ontario District, No. 20	210.00	1,260.00
Klondike Chapter	150.00	202.00
	$4,670.86	$30,406.98

Outstanding Dues.

The enormous sum of $30,406.98 is reported as outstanding dues. This amount should not be considered as arrears, for a large, and we trust much the larger, part are current dues. It has been pointed out that dues are not in arrears until after twelve months have elapsed. It would be interesting information for Grand Chapter to know the actual amount of dues in

arrears. A special column for that purpose might be placed in the statistical table. In very many cases it is apparent that prompt payment is neglected or evaded. Companions should pay their dues without waiting to be dunned. Scribes E. should not have the extra and thankless task of collecting accounts forced upon them.

After making a careful examination of the various matters submitted, your Committee find that in this jurisdiction Royal Arch Masonry is strong, thriving and active. The Grand Officers are efficient and painstaking in the performance of their duties and the affairs of Grand Chapter are carried on in a business-like manner. The offices of Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer could not be in abler hands. Among the Chapters the best fraternal feeling prevails and there is a healthy rivalry as to the excellence of the work done. The Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada continues to deserve the loyalty and pride of all Companions as well as the esteem of Sister Grand bodies throughout the world.

Fraternally submitted,
H. S. Griffin,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of Grand Chapter of Canada :

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported to the last Convocation of Grand Chapter that Comp. J. C. Richardson, Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie, had pleaded guilty and had been sentenced December 9th, 1914, to imprisonment for theft by conversion and theft by misappropriation.

That by resolution at a regular Convocation of Algonquin Chapter, held on September 24th, 1915, the Chapter recommended to the Grand Chapter that the Companion be expelled.

Your Committee confirmed such recommendation and reported that he should be summoned to appear before the Executive Committee and Grand Chapter at this Annual Convocation to show cause why he should not be expelled for his offense.

The Grand Scribe E. wrote Comp. Richardson, care of Penitentiary, Kingston, January, 2nd 1917, summoning him to appear or have someone appear on his behalf before the Executive Committee February 27th, 1917, at 8 p.m., as well as attend the Grand Chapter February 28th, 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause why he should not be expelled for the offense charged against him. As neither Comp. Richardson nor anyone on his behalf has appeared before your Committee and as no cause has been shown why he should not be expelled, your Committee recommend expulsion.

Re Comp. William Jenkins, Maple Chapter, No. 116, Carleton Place.

Your Committee have been furnished with a certificate from the Clerk of the Peace of the County of Lanark certifying that William Jenkins pleaded guilty on 18th October, 1915, to five charges of incest and was sentenced to six years in the penitentiary.

Also with copy of resolution of Maple Chapter, passed at the Convocation held January 8th, 1917, that whereas St. John's Lodge, No. 63, had suspended Comp. William Jenkins and had recommended his expulsion by Grand Lodge, that the Chapter suspend him indefinitely and recommend him to Grand Chapter for expulsion.

Your Committee report that Comp. William Jenkins was expelled by the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, at its last Communication, and as the Constitution provides, Section 20, that such action automatically acts as expulsion from the

Chapter, no further action is required, but the case is reported for the information and records of Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

K. J. DUNSTAN,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

GRAND Z.'S ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the Grand First Principal, respectfully report as follows :

Your Committee read with pleasure the remarks of the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal concerning His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, the Immediate Past Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, and His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, the present Governor General. The fact that these two distinguished sons of the Empire are members of our Order must be gratifying to all Royal Arch Masons, as it has not been their custom to countenance any Institution or Order without due enquiry and consideration.

That harmony now prevails in this Jurisdiction is a matter of congratulation. That war is still raging in Europe and elsewhere drawing from our Empire so great a sacrifice of life and money, is depressing. Still, out of evil may spring some compensation, so great a trial of service and sacrifice will make the sons and daughters of the Empire more virile, stronger in character and in the practice of all that leads to higher citizenship and better Masonry will be the result.

The most absorbing topic in the address of the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal, so far as Grand Chapter is concerned, is the glad intelligence that the much vexed Alberta question has been adjusted and is now a closed incident. It is not a pleasant memory. It has caused the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal great worry and distress of mind and taken up many days of his time. Grand Chapter is indebted to him for what he has accomplished and for restoring harmony and this Committee recommend as a result that all the details connected with the matter, including the return of warrants to the Chapters asking for them, after being duly cancelled, the restoration of certain members of the Royal Craft, who had been suspended, be approved, but the handing over of $1,000.00, your Committee think, the consideration of this recommendation had better stand until all the conditions of the agreement of settlement have been fulfilled.

Your Committee note the Rulings of the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal during the past year, also the fraternal greetings exchanged by him with the heads of sister jurisdictions, the dispensations for new Chapters and the good results which will arise from his visit to the Western Provinces in this jurisdiction.

No Grand First Principal has worked with greater zeal in the interests of our Grand Chapter than has M. Ex. Comp. Murch. The Chapters of Instruction held under the supervision of the Grand Superintendents have received great assistance from him by his exemplification of intricate portions of the work. He has ever been alert to all calls on his time and, notwithstanding war and other disadvantages, the results of his year of office are most gratifying.

Your Committee also note the suggestion of the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal regarding the formation of Provincial Grand Chapters with one Grand Chapter for the Dominion. This suggestion, your Committee think, had better not be considered until after the war.

Your Committee note with pleasure the true spirit of brotherhood existing between our Companions of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York and Delaware,

and the Grand Chapter of Canada, referred to in the address.

Your Committee congratulate the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal on the numerical and financial condition of Grand Chapter. Notwithstanding the withdrawal of the Alberta Companions, the decrease for the year is not sufficient to cause alarm.

Your Committee agree with the views expressed by the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal that if we wish to maintain our financial condition, it will be prudent to increase the per capita tax in order to meet our obligations.

Your Committee note with pleasure the approval which has attended the efforts of the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal in the "Revised Instructions of the Work," and are gratified that the work meets with the laudable commendation of the Grand Superintendents and officers of the Subordinate Chapters.

Your Committee heartily endorse the expressions of the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal regarding the Grand Scribe E., who has and is faithfully performing the duties of his office to the satisfaction of this Grand Chapter.

Your Committee are deeply in accord with the sentiments expressed by the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal regarding our Companions who have gone overseas to defend the Empire, many of whom have made the Supreme Sacrifice, and are glad that Grand Chapter has an Honor Roll, so that the names of these brave Companions may be preserved upon our records.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

FRED. W. HARCOURT,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the Grand Z.'s Address be received and adopted.

Grand Superintendents.

Grand Chapter was then "called off" to enable the Districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

On Grand Chapter resuming labor, the following nominations were submitted to the M. Ex. the Grand Z., who was pleased to approve in each case, and the selections were confirmed :

R. Ex. Comp.		Albert Edward Edgar, Windsor, Ont.	St. Clair	Dist. No. 1
"	"	Whitfield Lancaster, London, Ont.	London	" 2
"	"	James H. Shaw, Simcoe, Ont.	Wilson	" 3
"	"	Robert S. Hamilton, Galt, Ont.	Wellington	" 4
"	"	John W. Elliott, Milton, Ont.	Hamilton	" 5
"	"	Frank Armitage Copus, Stratford, Ont.	Huron	" 6
"	"	Charles D. Winn, Port Colborne, Ont.	Niagara	" 7
"	"	George Lawrence Gardiner, Toronto, Ont.	Toronto	" 8
"	"	William H. Tudhope, Orillia, Ont.	Georgian	" 9
"	"	Robert Stuart Cotton, Peterborough, Ont.	Ontario	" 10
"	"	Charles S. McGillivray, Picton, Ont.	Pr. Edward	" 11
"	"	George M. Gorrell, Morrisburg, Ont.	St. Lawrence	" 12
"	"	John Conley, Renfrew, Ont.	Ottawa	" 13
"	"	Albert P. Freed, Port Arthur, Ont.	Algoma	" 14
"	"	Dr. William F. Taylor, Winnipeg, Man.	Manitoba E.	" 15
"	"	James Johnston, Boissevain, Man.	Manitoba W.	" 15a
"	"	John James Jackson, Victoria, B.C.	Br. Columbia	" 16
"	"	John Kemmis, Pincher Creek, Alta.	Alberta	" 17
"	"	Arthur C. Shankland, Cranbrook, B.C.	Kootenay	" 18
"	"	Walter Bews, Revelstoke, B.C.	Yale-Col'bia	" 18a
"	"	Almer R. Orme, Saskatoon, Sask.	Saskatch'n N.	" 19a

R. Ex. Comp. C. P. Moore, M.D., Weyburn, Sask.....Saskatch'n W. Dist. No. 19b
" " Charles Stuart, Moosomin, Sask.....Saskatch'n E. " 19c
" " Sidney C. MacDonald, New Liskeard, Ont.....New Ontario " 20
" " Dr. A. J. Gillis, Dawson, Y.T. (Acting).....Yukon Territory.

Scrutineers of the Ballot.

The M. Ex. the Grand Z. appointed R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon as Chairman, and the following Companions as Scrutineers of the ballot : J. J. Hall, Welland ; J. E. Everett, Sarnia ; J. Nunn, Strathroy ; W. R. Bishop, London ; W. Whipps, Collingwood ; W. E. Logan, Toronto ; J. B. Phillips, Kingston ; A. P. Freed, Port Arthur ; and L. E. Bowerman, Toronto.

Election of Officers.

The election of Grand Officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows :

M. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, M.D., Regina.....Grand Z. } Grand Council.
R. " " Wm. N. Ponton, K.C., Belleville, Grand H. } Grand Council.
R. " " H. S. Griffin, M.D., Hamilton....Grand J. } Grand Council.
R. " " Henry T. Smith, Toronto.....Grand Scribe E.
R. " " William Stinson, Toronto.....Grand Scribe N.
R. " " George E. Logan, London....Grand Prin. Sojourner.
M. " " George Moore, Hamilton.....Grand Treasurer.
R. " " David J. Proctor, Toronto....Grand Registrar.
" J. M. Pritchard, Toronto.....Grand Janitor.

Executive Committee.

The following Companions were elected by Grand Chapter as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year :

R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer.....Trenton
" " K. J. Dunstan.....Toronto
" " D. H. McIntosh, M.D.....Carleton Place
" " O. Ellwood.....London
" " W. S. Milne.....Toronto

Toronto Next Place of Meeting.

The Cities of Toronto and Winnipeg having been nominated for the next Annual Convocation in Febru-

ary, 1918, and being put to the ballot, the result showed that Toronto had received the highest number of votes, and that City was declared to be the choice of Grand Chapter.

Foreign Correspondence.

The report of Foreign Correspondence was presented by R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, and

Resolved,—That the report on Foreign Correspondence be received.

Committee on Benevolence.

R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon's term as a member of the Committee on Benevolence having expired, on motion of M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, it was resolved that R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon be re-elected for a further term of three years.

The following Companions comprise the Committee on Benevolence, and are members of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter for their respective terms :

M. Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw, retires in 1918.
" " J. Ross Robertson, retires in 1919.
R. " " J. B. Nixon, retires in 1920.

Amendments to Constitution.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, and

Resolved,—That Section 59 (pages 27-28) of the Constitution be amended in altering Clause 11 by making it read :
"For Constitutions, each.....25c."

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, and

Resolved,—That Section 15 (pages 10 and 11) of the Constitution be amended so that the words "Printing Committee" be inserted on page 11, lines 15 and 16, between the words "Fraternal Dead" and "Foreign Correspondence."

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, and

Resolved,—That Section 59 (pages 27-28) of the Constitution be amended by altering Clause 10 respecting dues and making it read :

"For every member of a Chapter, payable annually to the 31st of December in each year, except the first year of the organization of the Chapter.....35c."

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, and

Resolved,—That in place of R. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed's amendment respecting the Alberta Districts, the following words be adopted:

That Section 2 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "Alberta" where it appears in the said Section and by adding at the end of the said Section, the following words :

"And also jurisdiction within the Province of Alberta as may be consistent with the agreement arrived at with the Grand Chapter of Alberta and which has been approved by resolution passed at the Emergent Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, held September 12th, 1916."

Request to have Honorary Rank Conferred Withdrawn.

The request of Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia, to have the Honorary rank of Past Z. conferred upon one of its members was withdrawn.

Revision of Constitution.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, and

Resolved,—That the incoming Grand Z. be empowered to appoint a Committee to revise the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

Subsequently M. Ex. Comps. D. F. Macwatt, Chairman, F. W. Harcourt and R. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone, were appointed as the Committee.

Certificates of Good Standing.

The Special Committee appointed by the Executive Committee to consider applications from Companions in the Province of Alberta, regarding certificates of

good standing, with the Grand Chapter of Canada, reported as follows :

With reference to the application from several Companions residing in the Province of Alberta, desiring to receive certificates of good standing on account of their respective Chapters having surrendered their Warrants to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and thereby being dissolved,

That Grand Chapter authorize the Grand Scribe E. to grant such certificates on being satisfied such members are now in good standing on the records of Grand Chapter.

Fraternally yours,

D. F. MACWATT, O. ELLWOOD, } *Committee.*

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, and

Resolved,—That the report respecting certificates of good standing be received and adopted.

RECOGNITION OF FORMATION OF GRAND CHAPTERS IN PROVINCES.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, whereas in the near future it is likely applications will be made to the Grand Chapter of Canada for the formation of Grand Chapters, it is advisable to set out clearly what the Grand Chapter of Canada considers necessary. Therefore be it

Resolved,—That the Grand Chapter of Canada record its readiness to recognize and approve of the establishment of a Grand Chapter in any Province, now within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, as soon as a proper memorial is received from the majority of the Companions and Chapters of that Province in good standing expressing their well considered desire to that effect.

That in accordance with the above, permission be given to the Chapters of this Jurisdiction, in any Province, to meet for the purpose of considering what action, if any, they may deem advisable to take towards securing the formation of a Grand Chapter for any such Province, and the M. Ex. the Grand Z. and the Executive Committee are hereby authorized to take such steps, in the matter, as they may consider for the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry.

THANKS TO SCRUTINEERS.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of Grand Chapter be and are hereby tendered to the Ex. Companions who acted so efficiently as scrutineers of the ballot at the election of officers.

Proposed Testimonial.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, and

Resolved,—That the M. Ex. Comp. Grand First Principal-Elect appoint a Committee to procure a suitable testimonial for the retiring Grand Z. in recognition of his devoted services during the past two years.

Subsequently M. Ex. Comps. A. Shaw, Chairman, F. W. Harcourt and R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton were appointed as the Committee.

Vote of Thanks to Toronto.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, and

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to the Toronto Masonic Hall Trust for the use of the rooms, and to the Companions of the Toronto Chapters for their kind attention and fraternal reception to the officers and Members of Grand Chapter, as well as the arrangements made for the Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Body.

Letter of Sympathy to Family of R. Ex. Comp. George J. Bennett.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, and

Resolved,—That the Grand Scribe E. be instructed to write a letter to the family of R. Ex. Comp. George J. Bennett, who had been Grand Scribe E. of this Grand Body for many years, assuring them that he was not forgotten at this Annual Convocation, and extending to the R. Ex. Comp. in his illness the sympathy of the delegates in attendance.

Officers Installed.

M. Ex. Comps. W. S. R. Murch, George Moore, D. F. Macwatt, F. W. Harcourt, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, then proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers of Grand Chapter, who were proclaimed, and saluted according to ancient custom.

Appointments to Office.

The following appointments by the M. Ex. the Grand Z. were subsequently announced :

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES.

R. Ex. Comp. J. McC. Potts, M.D. ..... Stirling
" " C. W. Haentschel, M.D. ..... Haileybury
" " G. E. Parkes ..... Dunnville
" " A. Cowan ..... Barrie
" " W. Y. Mills ..... Kingston

ASSISTANT OFFICERS.

V. Ex. Comp.	F. Wheeler, North Vanver, B.C.	Grand Senior Sojourner.
V. " "	F. W. Buggey, Rivers, Man.	Grand Junior Sojourner.
R. " "	James B. Nixon, Toronto, Ont.	Grand Lecturer.
V. " "	Geo. D. MacMillan, Moose Jaw, Sask.	Grand Sword Bearer.
" "	Adam Torrance, North Bay, Ont.	Grand Master 1st Veil.
" "	Arthur Hayr, Lethbridge, Alta.	Grand Master 2nd Veil.
" "	W.E. Hopkings, Toronto, Ont.	Grand Master 3rd Veil.
" "	C. W. Anderson, Niagara Falls, Ont.	Grand Master 4th Veil.
" "	E. D. Harrison, M.D., Madoc, Ont.	Grand Standard Bearer.
" "	Francis B. Reilly, Regina, Sask.	Grand D. of Ceremonies
" "	J. C. Locke, Ridgetown, Ont.	Grand Organist.
" "	Isaac Newton, Sarnia, Ont.	Grand Pursuivant.
" "	Angus Campbell, Brantford, Ont.	Grand Steward.
" "	Joseph H. Hulse, Orangeville, Ont.	Grand Steward.
" "	Thos. Hayhurst, Hamilton, Ont.	Grand Steward.
" "	Alex. Lawson, Goderich, Ont.	Grand Steward.
" "	J. A. Sinclair, Meaford, Ont.	Grand Steward.
" "	Thos. B. Lapp, Cobourg, Ont.	Grand Steward.
" "	J. W. Mitchell, Brockville, Ont.	Grand Steward.
" "	H. W. Lundy, Almonte, Ont.	Grand Steward.
" "	Leonard Norris, Vernon, B.C.	Grand Steward.
" "	W. M. Campbell, Kingston, Ont.	Grand Steward.

The labors of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM at 5.15 o'clock p.m.

Henry J. Smith,

Grand Scribe E.

Toronto, February 28th, 1917.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, Belleville, Grand H., President.

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE.

M. Ex. Comp.	Robert Hendry, Jr.	Kingston
" "	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto
" "	J. E. Harding	Lindsay
" "	Michael Walsh	Ingersoll
" "	William G. Reid	Hamilton
" "	Abraham Shaw	Kingston
" "	George Moore	Hamilton
" "	F. W. Harcourt	Toronto
" "	Daniel F. Macwatt	Sarnia
" "	W. S. R. Murch	Kingston
" "	A. S. Gorrell, M.D., Grand Z.	Regina
" "	H. Robertson	Collingwood
" "	Harry H. Watson	Vancouver
R. " "	H. S. Griffin, M. D., Grand J.	Hamilton

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. Ex. Comp.	Albert Edward Edgar, Windsor, Ont.	St. Clair	Dist. No.	1
" "	Whitfield Lancaster, London, Ont.	London	"	2
" "	James H. Shaw, Simcoe, Ont.	Wilson	"	3
" "	Robert S. Hamilton, Galt, Ont.	Wellington	"	4
" "	John W. Elliott, Milton, Ont.	Hamilton	"	5
" "	Frank Armitage Copus, Stratford, Ont.	Huron	"	6
" "	Charles D. Winn, Port Colborne, Ont.	Niagara	"	7
" "	George Lawrence Gardiner, Toronto, Ont.	Toronto	"	8
" "	William H. Tudhope, Orillia, Ont.	Georgian	"	9
" "	Robert Stuart Cotton, Peterborough, Ont.	Ontario	"	10
" "	Charles S. McGillivray, Picton, Ont.	Pr. Edward	"	11
" "	George M. Gorrell, Morrisburg, Ont.	St. Lawrence	"	12
" "	John Conley, Renfrew, Ont.	Ottawa	"	13
" "	Albert P. Freed, Port Arthur, Ont.	Algoma	"	14
" "	William F. Taylor, Winnipeg, Man.	Manitoba E.	"	15
" "	James Johnston, Boissevain, Man.	Manitoba W.	"	15a

R. Ex. Comp.	John James Jackson, Victoria, B.C.	Br. Columbia Dist.	No.	16
" "	John Kemmis, Pincher Creek, Alta.	Alberta	"	17
" "	Arthur C. Shankland, Cranbrook, B.C.	Kootenay	"	18
" "	Walter Bewes, Revelstoke, B.C.	Yale-Col'bia	"	18a
" "	Almer R. Orme, Saskatoon, Sask.	Saskatch'n N.	"	19a
" "	C. P. Moore, M.D., Weyburn, Sask.	Saskatch'n W.	"	19b
" "	Charles Stuart, Moosomin, Sask.	Saskatch'n E.	"	19c
" "	Sidney C. MacDonald, New Liskeard, Ont.	New Ontario	"	20
" "	Dr. A. J. Gillis, Dawson, Y.T. (Acting)	Yukon Territory.		

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

R. Ex. Comp.	Henry T. Smith, Toronto	Grand Scribe E.
" "	William Stinson, Toronto	Grand Scribe N.

ELECTED BY GRAND CHAPTER.

R. Ex. Comp.	R. H. Spencer	Trenton
" "	K. J. Dunstan	Toronto
" "	D. H. McIntosh, M.D.	Carleton Place
" "	O. Ellwood	London
" "	W. S. Milne	Toronto

APPOINTED BY GRAND Z.

R. Ex. Comp.	J. McC. Potts, M.D.	Stirling
" "	C. W. Haentschel, M.D.	Haileybury
" "	G. E. Parkes	Dunnville
" "	A. Cowan	Barrie
" "	W. Y. Mills	Kingston

SUB-COMMITTEES.

GRAND Z'S. ADDRESS.

M. Ex. Comps. J. Ross Robertson, Chairman ; J. E. Harding, R. Hendry, Jr., M. Walsh, W. G. Reid, A. Shaw, George Moore, F. W. Harcourt, D. F. Macwatt, W. S. R. Murch, H. Robertson and H. H. Watson.

BENEVOLENCE.

M. Ex. Comps. J. Ross Robertson, Chairman ; A. Shaw, R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Chairman ; M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, R. Ex. Comps. G. E. Parkes, A. E. Edgar, C. P. Moore, John Kemmis, F. A. Copus, A. P. Freed, W. F. Taylor.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, Chairman ; M. Ex. Comps. F. W. Harcourt, D. F. Macwatt, R. Ex. Comps. A. Cowan, A. R. Orme, W. Lancaster, R. S. Cotton.

WARRANTS.

R. Ex. Comps. O. Ellwood, Chairman ; W. S. Milne, J. McC. Potts, J. Conley, G. M. Gorrell, C. Stuart, A. C. Shankland, W. Bews, J. H. Shaw, R. S. Hamilton, J. W. Elliott.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

R. Ex. Comp. D. H. McIntosh, Chairman ; M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, R. Ex. Comps. W. N. Ponton, C. S. McGillivray, W. H. Tudhope, C. D. Winn, S. C. MacDonald, J. Johnston, J. J. Jackson.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

R. Ex. Comps. C. W. Haentschel, Chairman ; R. W. Clewlo, W. Y. Mills.

PRINTING COMMITTEE.

M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, Chairman; R. Ex. Comps. G. L. Gardiner, Henry T. Smith.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, Chairman.

LIST OF CHAPTERS—BY DISTRICTS

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 1.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Albert Edward Edgar, Windsor.

No.		No.	
47.	Wellington	88.	MacNabb
71.	Pr. of Wales	119.	King Cyrus
73.	Erie	164.	Lorne
80.	Ark		
	Chatham		Dresden
	Amherstburg		Leamington
	Ridgetown		West Lorne
	Windsor		

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 2.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Whitfield Lancaster, London.

No.		No.	
3.	St. John's	74.	Beaver
5.	St. George's	78.	Minnewawa
15.	Wawanosh	81.	Aylmer
53.	Bruce	150.	London
54.	Palestine	153.	Sombra
	London		Strathroy
	London		Parkhill
	Sarnia		Aylmer
	Petrolia		London
	St. Thomas		Sombra

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. James H. Shaw, Simcoe.

No.		No.	
18.	Oxford	41.	Harris
20.	Mount Horeb	115.	Brant
23.	Ezra		
	Woodstock		Ingersoll
	Brantford		Paris
	Simcoe		

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 4.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Robert S. Hamilton, Galt.

No.		No.	
32.	Waterloo	83.	Ionic
40.	Guelph	117.	Kitchener
67.	Enterprise		
	Galt		Orangeville
	Guelph		Kitchener
	Harriston		

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 5.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. John W. Elliott, Milton.

No.		No.	
2.	The Hiram	104.	White Oak
6.	St. John's	155.	Ancaster
75.	St. Clair	175.	The Hamilton
	Hamilton		Oakville
	Hamilton		Ancaster
	Milton		Hamilton

HURON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Frank Armitage, Copus, Stratford.

No.		No.	
24.	Tecumseh	84.	Lebanon
30.	Huron	129.	Elliott
46.	St. James	130.	Chantry
63.	Havelock	146.	Bernard
66.	The Malloch	147.	Lucknow
	Stratford		Wingham
	Goderich		Mitchell
	St. Mary's		Southampton
	Kincardine		Listowel
	Seaforth		Lucknow

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 7.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Charles D. Winn, Port Colborne.

No.		No.	
19.	Mt. Moriah	64.	Willson
29.	McCallum	69.	Grimsby
55.	Niagara	76.	Mt. Nebo
57.	King Hiram	184.	Hugh Murray
	St. Catharines		Welland
	Dunnville		Grimsby
	Niagara		Niagara Falls
	Pt. Colborne		Bridgeburg

TORONTO DISTRICT, NO. 8.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. George Lawrence Gardiner, Toronto.

No.		No.	
4.	St. Andrew and St. John	91.	Antiquity
8.	King Solomon's	135.	Succoth
60.	Doric	138.	Shekinah
62.	York	145.	The St. Patrick
65.	St. Paul's	163.	The Beaches
77.	Occident	185.	Toronto
79.	Orient	195.	Peel
		205.	Victoria
	Toronto		Toronto
	Toronto		Toronto
	Newmarket		West Toronto
	N. Toronto		Toronto
	Toronto		Toronto
	Toronto		Toronto
	Toronto		Brampton
	Toronto		Thornhill

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. William H. Tudhope, Orillia.

No.		No.	
27.	Manitou	86.	Macpherson
34.	Signet	131.	Amabel
56.	Georgian	167.	Kichikewana
70.	Grand River	198.	Couchiching
	Collingwood		Meaford
	Barrie		Wiarton
	Owen Sound		Midland
	Bracebridge		Orillia

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 10.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Robert Stuart Cotton, Peterborough.

No.		No.	
28.	Pantalpha	94.	Midland
35.	Keystone	110.	Warkworth
36.	Corinthian	134.	King Darius
37.	Victoria	139.	St. Andrew's
45.	Excelsior	144.	Presqu'Isle
48.	St. John's	168.	Ionic
	Oshawa		Lindsay
	Whitby		Warkworth
	Peterboro'		Cannington
	Port Hope		Havelock
	Colborne		Brighton
	Cobourg		Campbellford

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 11.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Charles S. McGillivray, Picton.

No.		No.	
7.	The Moira	44.	Mount Sinai
26.	St. Mark's	72.	Keystone
31.	Prince Edward	161.	Madoc
	Belleville		Napanee
	Trenton		Stirling
	Picton		Madoc

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 12.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. George M. Gorrell, Morrisburg.

No.		No.	
1.	Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui	100.	St. Lawrence
22.	Grenville	112.	St. John's
59.	Sussex	113.	Covenant
68.	Maitland	132.	Leeds
	Kingston		Brockville
	Prescott		Morrisburg
	Brockville		Cornwall
	N. Augusta		Gananoque

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 13.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. John Conley, Renfrew.

No.		No.	
16.	Carleton	143.	Glengarry
61.	Granite	148.	St. John's
114.	Bonnechere	151.	Laurentian
116.	Maple	210.	Kitchener
133.	St. Francis		
	Ottawa		Maxville
	Almonte		Vankleek Hill
	Renfrew		Pembroke
	Carleton Pl.		Russell
	Smith's Falls		

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 14.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Albert P. Freed, Port Arthur.

No.		No.	
82.	Shuniah	149.	Atwood
90.	Golden	152.	Alberton
140.	Ft. William		
	Port Arthur		Rainy River
	Kenora		Ft. Frances
	Ft. William		

MANITOBA E. DISTRICT, NO. 15.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Dr. William F. Taylor, Winnipeg.

No.		No.	
52.	Pr. Rupert	171.	Rabboni
99.	Keystone	187.	Connaught
136.	King Edward		
	Winnipeg		Dauphin
	Po'ge la Prairie		Winnipeg
	Neepawa		

MANITOBA W. DISTRICT, NO. 15A.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. James Johnston, Boissevain.

No.		No.	
101.	Corinthian	156.	Avondale
141.	Keystone	183.	Mount Sinai
	Boissevain		Hartney
	Brandon		Rivers

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, NO. 16.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. John James Jackson, Victoria.

No.		No.	
98.	Vancouver	178.	Kaien
124.	Westm'ster, N. Westm'ster	182.	Camosun
127.	Keystone	190.	Pacific
142.	Cyrus	191.	N. Vancouver, N. Vanc'v'r
	Vancouver		Prince Rupert
			Victoria
	Nanaimo		Vancouver
	Cumberland		

ALBERTA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. John Kemmis, Pincher Creek.

No.		No.	
158.	Shekinah	201.	Tau Cross
177.	Kether		

KOOTENAY DISTRICT, NO. 18.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Arthur Croft Shankland, Cranbrook.

No.		No.	
120.	Kootenay	125.	Rocky Mount'n, Cranbr'ok
123.	Nelson	137.	Crow's Nest

YALE-COLUMBIA DISTRICT, NO. 18A.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Walter Bews, Revelstoke.

No.		No.	
122.	Rossland	174.	Boundary
128.	Revelstoke	206.	Kelowna
157.	Okanagan		

SASKATCHEWAN N. DISTRICT, NO. 19A.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Almer R. Orme, Saskatoon.

No.		No.	
160.	Prince Albert	207.	King George
165.	Saskatoon	209.	Humboldt
181.	Battleford		

SASKATCHEWAN W. DISTRICT, NO. 19B.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Charles P. Moore, Weyburn.

No.		No.	
162.	Moose Jaw	186.	Unity
173.	Weyburn	208.	Assiniboia
180.	Estevan	U.D.	Shaunavon

SASKATCHEWAN E. DISTRICT, NO. 19C.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Charles Stuart, Moosomin.

No.		No.	
121.	Wascana	192.	Trinity
166.	Moose Mountain	193.	Govan
170.	Golden Compass	194.	Moosomin

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 20.

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Sidney Cameron MacDonald, New Liskeard.

No.		No.	
58.	Pembroke	103.	St. John's
95.	Tuscan	169.	Temiska'ng, New Liskeard
102.	Algonquin, Sault Ste. Marie	203.	Cobalt

UNATTACHED.

Acting Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Dr. A. J. Gillis, Dawson.

No. 154, Klondike.....Dawson, Y.T

CHAPTER RETURNS

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation
1	Anct. Frontenac and Cataraqui	Kingston	Third Friday
2	The Hiram	Hamilton	Fourth Friday
3	St. John's	London	Fourth Wednesday
4	St. And. and St. John	Toronto	Third Friday
5	St. George's	London	Fourth Friday
6	St. John's	Hamilton	Second Thursday
7	The Moira	Belleville	First Tuesday
8	King Solomon's	Toronto	Fourth Thursday
15	Wawanosh	Sarnia	Second Friday
16	Carleton	Ottawa	Third Friday
18	Oxford	Woodstock	Third Friday
19	Mt. Moriah	St. Catharines	Second Friday
20	Mount Horeb	Brantford	First Friday
22	Grenville	Prescott	Second Tuesday
23	Ezra	Simcoe	Thursday af. f. m.
24	Tecumseh	Stratford	Fourth Friday
26	St. Mark's	Trenton	Tuesday on or af. f. m.
27	Manitou	Collingwood	Fourth Friday
28	Pentalpha	Oshawa	First Tuesday
29	McCallum	Dunnville	Third Friday
30	Huron	Goderich	Third Tuesday
31	Prince Edward	Picton	Monday on or af. f. m.
32	Waterloo	Galt	Second Monday
34	Signet	Barrie	Second Tuesday
35	Keystone	Whitby	Third Friday
36	Corinthian	Peterborough	Fourth Friday
37	Victoria	Port Hope	Second Friday
40	Guelph	Guelph	Second Friday
41	Harris	Ingersoll	Fourth Friday
44	Mount Sinai	Napanee	Wednesday af. f. m.
45	Excelsior	Colborne	First Tuesday
46	St. James	St. Mary's	Second Monday
47	Wellington	Chatham	Second Thursday
48	St. John's	Cobourg	Friday on or b. f. m.
52	Prince Rupert	Winnipeg	First Thursday
53	Bruce	Petrolia	Third Wednesday
54	Palestine	St. Thomas	Second Thursday
55	Niagara	Niagara	Thursday af. f. m.
56	Georgian	Owen Sound	Third Tuesday
57	King Hiram	Port Colborne	First Thursday
58	Pembroke	Mattawa	Third Wednesday
59	Sussex	Brockville	Third Friday
60	Doric	Newmarket	First Wednesday
61	Granite	Almonte	Second Thursday
62	York	Toronto	First Friday
63	Havelock	Kincardine	Third Friday
64	Willson	Welland	Last Wednesday
65	St. Paul's	Toronto	Second Wednesday
†66	The Malloch	Seaforth	Third Monday
67	Enterprise	Harriston	First Monday
68	Maitland	N. Augusta	Friday af. f. m.
69	Grimsby	Grimsby	First Monday
70	Grand River	Bracebridge	Third Thursday
71	Prince of Wales	Amherstburg	First Friday
72	Keystone	Stirling	Thursday b. f. m.
73	Erie	Ridgetown	Monday on or af. f. m.
74	Beaver	Strathroy	First Monday
75	St. Clair	Milton	Thursday af. f. m.
76	Mount Nebo	Niagara Falls	Third Friday
77	Occident	Toronto	Second Friday
78	Minnewawa	Parkhill	Friday on or af. f. m.
79	Orient	Toronto	Second Thursday
80	Ark	Windsor	Second Monday
81	Aylmer	Aylmer	Friday on or af. f. m.
82	Shuniah	Port Arthur	Third Wednesday

† No returns.

CHAPTER RETURNS TO 31st DECEMBER, 1916

Chapter No.	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Members 31st Dec., 1915	Admissions	Joinings	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	Members 31st Dec., 1916	Increase	Decrease
1	J. B. Phillips	R. S. Graham	156	9	1	..	1	6	5	154	..	2
2	D. W. Evans	Geo. H. Lanigan	357	16	..	2	2	7	8	358	1	...
3	John Drysdale	O. Ellwood	334	39	..	1	1	1	8	364	30	...
4	Dr. W. G. Price	G. C. Kirby	211	11	1	1	5	16	14	189	..	22
5	Edwin Smith	T. P. Elliott	282	36	1	5	..	18	1	305	23	...
6	Fred R. Martin	Geo. H. Britton	349	24	3	1	1	..	7	369	20	...
7	J. O. R. McCurdy	L. C. Yeomans	182	12	1	1	2	6	1	187	5	...
8	Arthur L. Tinker	Christopher Wahlroth	248	25	3	1	4	3	2	268	20	...
15	Wesley Carter	Alex. K. Wanless	241	13	..	1	...	..	4	251	10	...
16	C. H. B. Sievers	A. W. Grant	243	20	3	..	7	1	6	252	9	...
18	R. D. Montgomery	H. A. Biggins	79	4	1	..	1	2	1	80	1	...
19	Geo. H. Smith	A. N. Lindsay	177	6	2	..	...	1	1	183	6	...
20	G. A. Woodside	F. S. Blain	205	2	..	..	1	6	2	198	..	7
22	Dr. J. A. Lock	A. T. Adams	52	1	..	1	1	4	2	47	..	5
23	Harry A. Johnson	R. E. Gunton	154	3	1	..	2	6	3	147	..	7
24	E. Denroche	John Stevenson	157	16	..	..	5	8	1	159	2	...
26	J. B. Little	R. H. Spencer	86	12	..	..	1	..	1	96	10	...
27	E. W. McLaren	G. C. Coles	148	3	..	1	3	2	3	144	..	4
28	W. P. Knight	J. F. Grierson	110	5	..	1	...	..	1	115	5	...
29	G. E. McGuire	J. E. Yocom	79	13	..	..	...	5	..	87	8	...
30	K. Campbell	John Straiton	99	4	1	..	2	1	5	96	..	3
31	E. A. Pearce	J. L. Graydon	158	1	2	..	2	..	1	158	..	...
32	W. B. Powell	Chas .Blake	118	6	1	1	3	..	..	123	5	...
34	John Merrick	Fred. W. Otton	180	2	..	..	4	3	2	173	..	7
35	Dr. John F. Moore	W. M. Van Valkenburgh	70	5	..	..	...	..	..	75	5	...
36	F. W. Trebilcock	W. H. Walkey	149	5	2	2	...	..	2	156	7	...
37	Fredk. Thomas	J. W. Sanders	123	4	1	2	...	..	2	128	5	...
40	Thomas C. Rundle	A. M. Ogg	90	10	1	..	1	..	1	99	9	...
41	W. A. Sutherland	A. S. Crawford	84	3	..	..	1	..	2	84	..	...
44	James M. Thompson	Ernest J. Walters	81	4	3	..	...	..	1	87	6	...
45	John T. Gordon	James Thorne	75	3	..	..	...	..	1	77	2	...
46	T. E. Grainger	Thos. L. Sinclair	74	10	..	..	...	..	..	84	10	...
47	John C. Stewart	D. A. Cannon	219	19	..	..	2	4	..	232	13	...
48	Thos. B. Lapp	Robt. Buck	72	6	3	..	...	8	1	72	..	...
52	W. D. Lawrence	A. Armstrong	394	16	3	..	7	.	6	400	6	...
53	R. W. Knowles	John Sinclair	105	3	..	..	1	6	..	101	..	4
54	H. Martin	W. E. Idsardi	262	8	..	..	2	3	2	263	1	...
55	Fred. J. McClelland	W. Edwin Lee	38	3	..	..	...	..	..	41	3	...
56	K. C. McKay	James Leslie	138	12	..	1	1	11	2	137	..	1
57	F. R. Johnson	C. D. Winn	42	2	..	..	...	4	..	40	..	2
58	S. G. Richardson	J. D. Christie, M.D.	52	2	..	..	...	..	1	53	1	...
59	R. J. Dunn	Jonathan Greene	138	4	..	..	2	..	5	135	..	3
60	H. E. Whyte	J. E. Muir	75	1	1	..	8	2	1	66	..	9
61	Thomas Dean	J. B. Illingworth	59	3	..	1	1	..	..	62	3	...
62	Wm. C. Norman	John Cleeland	95	11	..	..	...	3	2	101	6	...
63	M. D. McPhail	J. A. Mackenzie	66	5	..	..	...	..	..	71	5	...
64	J. J. Hall	Geo. Wells	115	18	..	..	...	..	1	132	17	...
65	E. W. E. Saunders	W. B. Milliken	218	6	3	..	...	..	5	222	4	...
66	C. Aberhart	L. C. Jackson	66	...	..	..	...	..	..	66	..	...
67	M. W. Yeo	W. A. Glenney	116	12	..	..	4	3	2	119	3	...
68	G. W. Chapman	G. A. Love	32	4	..	..	...	1	..	35	3	...
69	James A. Wray	A. H. Phipps	103	...	..	..	...	..	1	102	..	1
70	Fred. M. Johnson	Francis P. Warne	80	1	..	1	...	..	1	81	1	...
71	H. A. Forhan	J. H. C. Atkinson	121	5	..	..	1	..	..	125	4	...
72	Fred. S. Anderson	James McC. Potts, M.D.	67	9	..	1	1	5	..	71	4	...
73	D. L. Mitten	A. Long	92	8	1	1	4	..	2	96	4	...
74	John Nunn	R. M. Trueman	77	6	..	..	1	..	3	79	2	...
75	Alex. Armstrong	Wm. Panton	70	5	..	1	...	2	3	71	1	...
76	W. H. Campbell	F. W. Swannell	153	10	..	1	...	..	4	160	7	...
77	G. W. Graham	D. J. Proctor	448	17	..	..	7	33	5	420	..	28
78	Geo. W. Racey	Wm. Dawson	68	3	..	..	3	..	..	68	..	...
79	Robt. J. Gaylord	J. M. Malcolm	121	5	..	1	4	..	5	118	..	3
80	Ross R. Fleury	John S. Master	286	32	2	..	3	..	2	315	29	...
81	R. B. McKenney	J. E. Richards	108	8	..	..	...	..	1	115	7	...
82	N. T. Owens	T. J. C. Rodden	166	30	4	2	9	7	4	182	16	...

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No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation
83	Ionic	Orangeville	Tuesday af. f. m.
84	Lebanon	Wingham	Third Tuesday
86	Macpherson	Meaford	Third Thursday
88	MacNabb	Dresden	First Thursday af. f. m.
90	Golden	Kenora	Third Friday
91	Antiquity	Toronto	Fourth Wednesday
94	Midland	Lindsay	Third Thursday
95	Tuscan	Sudbury	Second Tuesday
98	Vancouver	Vancouver	Second Wednesday
99	Keystone	Portage la Prairie	First Friday
100	St. Lawrence	Brockville	First Thursday
101	Corinthian	Boissevain	Second Wednesday
102	Algonquin	Sault Ste. Marie	Fourth Friday
103	St. John's	North Bay	First Thursday
104	White Oak	Oakville	Third Tuesday
*106	Alberta	Calgary	.....
110	Warkworth	Warkworth	Wednesday af. f. m.
112	St. John's	Morrisburg	Tuesday af. f. m.
113	Covenant	Cornwall	Third Wednesday
114	Bonnechere	Renfrew	Third Monday
115	Brant	Paris	Monday on or b. f. m.
116	Maple	Carleton Place	First Monday
117	Kitchener	Kitchener	Third Friday
*118	North Star	Edmonton	.....
119	King Cyrus	Leamington	Tuesday af. f. m.
120	Kootenay	Kaslo	Second Tuesday
121	Wascana	Regina	Second Monday
122	Rossland	Rossland	First Tuesday
123	Nelson	Nelson	Third Wednesday
124	Westminster	New Westminster	Second Friday
125	Rocky Mt.	Cranbrook	Second Tuesday
*126	Assiniboia	Medicine Hat	.....
127	Keystone	Nanaimo	Third Wednesday
128	Revelstoke	Revelstoke	First Monday
129	Elliot	Mitchell	Second Tuesday af. f. m.
130	Chantry	Southampton	Tuesday af. f. m.
131	Amabel	Wiarton	First Thursday
132	Leeds	Gananoque	First Wednesday
133	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	Second Friday af. f. m.
134	King Darius	Cannington	Wednesday af. f. m.
135	Succoth	Uxbridge	Second Thursday
136	King Edward	Neepawa	Second Wed. af. f. m.
†137	Crow's Nest	Fernie	First Tuesday
138	Shekinah	Toronto	Second Tuesday
139	St. Andrew's	Havelock	Monday af. f. m.
140	Fort William	Fort William	First Friday
141	Keystone	Brandon	First Monday
142	Cyrus	Cumberland	Third Wednesday
143	Glengarry	Maxville	Fourth Friday
144	Presqu' Isle	Brighton	Second Friday
145	The St. Patrick	Toronto	Third Saturday
146	Bernard	Listowel	Friday af. f. m.
147	Lucknow	Lucknow	Thursday af. f. m.
148	St. John's	Vankleek Hill	First Friday
149	Atwood	Rainy River	Third Thursday
150	London	London	Third Tuesday
151	Laurentian	Pembroke	Third Thursday
152	Alberton	Fort Frances	Second Thursday
153	Sombra	Sombra	Third Wednesday
154	Klondike	Dawson	Fourth Thursday
155	Ancaster	Ancaster	Tuesday af. f. m.
156	Avondale	Hartney	Friday on or af. f. m.
157	Okanagan	Vernon	Thursday af. f. m.
158	Shekinah	Lethbridge	Fourth Wednesday
*159	Golden West	High River	.....

*Joined with Grand Chapter of Alberta.
†No returns.

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83	A. E. Annis	D. McPherson	69	3	..	..	1	..	3	68	..	1
84	Ed. Nash	H. E. W. Tamlyn, M.D.	56	2	..	..	..	3	..	55	..	1
86	Rev. J. Berry	Dr. J. D. Hamill	66	4	..	..	3	..	5	62	..	4
88	F. H. Laird	R. D. McAlpine, M.D.	69	..	1	..	2	..	2	66	..	3
90	J. H. Colbert	H. S. Galloway	113	11	1	..	..	..	1	124	11	..
91	E. J. Luttrell	W. S. Milne	190	23	..	..	..	..	3	210	20	..
94	R. Heels	R. G. Corneil	114	9	..	..	..	5	1	117	3	..
95	C. A. Durkee	Rev. Wm. McDonald	97	7	..	..	..	..	2	102	5	..
98	E. Lipsett	Wm. Burns	283	4	1	..	25	30	7	226	..	57
99	W. R. Grieve	E. A. Williams	98	..	..	1	3	15	1	80	..	18
100	D. A. Cummings	Geo. W. Morrison	93	1	..	..	2	2	2	88	..	5
101	A. J. Fletcher	A. E. Piercy	109	3	..	..	..	..	3	109	..	..
102	W. W. Climie	C. A. Leaney	294	14	2	..	5	..	1	304	10	..
103	Ben. F. Nott	Robt. F. Fulcher	131	5	1	2	1	5	2	131	..	..
104	James R. Kendall	W. K. Leggatt	71	4	..	..	..	..	..	75	4	..
106	..	..	42	..	..	..	42	..	..	..	..	42
110	Joseph N Stone	P. S. Ewing	46	2	..	..	2	..	..	46	..	..
112	F. B. Robertson	B. A. Herring	76	3	1	2	2	3	1	76	..	..
113	Geo. Maden	J. Ridley	110	1	..	..	1	..	..	110	..	..
114	John Conley	Hugh Macdonald	84	3	..	..	1	..	..	86	2	..
115	J. R. Inksater	W. J. Logie, M.D.	58	2	..	..	1	..	1	58	..	..
116	D. H. McIntosh	A. H. Edwards	76	2	..	..	..	..	..	78	2	..
117	J. A. Hallman	J. D. Weir	76	10	..	2	..	..	..	88	12	..
118	..	..	47	..	..	..	47	..	..	..	..	47
119	L. N. Malott	A. T. Bristow	85	..	1	..	2	..	..	84	..	1
120	Wm. English	R. J. Stenson	37	4	..	..	..	..	1	40	3	..
121	L. C. Harris	Francis B. Reilly	213	7	2	..	5	..	3	214	1	..
122	A. M. Betts	G. W. Dunn	107	..	..	..	1	4	..	102	..	5
123	J. H. Lawrence	Geo. Johnston	116	2	..	..	..	4	5	109	..	7
124	A. S. Bennett	A. J. Brine	178	5	..	..	6	..	1	176	..	2
125	J. B. Henderson	A. C. Shankland	129	3	..	..	..	13	..	119	..	10
126	..	..	135	7	2	..	141	..	3	..	..	135
127	A. F. Yates	John F. Doyle	77	3	..	..	1	..	..	79	2	..
128	Donald Adams	Wm. Morris	84	9	..	..	1	..	1	91	7	..
129	Wm. Elliott	Wm. Babb	36	3	..	..	1	..	..	38	2	..
130	John Macaulay	R. B. Hillmer	61	1	1	..	1	3	2	57	..	4
131	Chas. Kesselring	S. E. Foster	49	..	..	..	..	..	..	49	..	..
132	J. J. Davis	W. F. Stevens	104	..	..	..	6	6	4	88	..	16
133	Michael Lavell	Geo. W. Fluker	66	3	..	..	1	..	..	68	2	..
134	Jas. A. Parliament	Wm. H. Bick	53	1	..	..	1	..	..	53	..	..
135	Wm. Gordon	V. M. Hare	78	4	..	..	4	3	1	74	..	4
136	Fred. Leach	C. H. Pattison	171	2	..	..	1	..	2	170	..	1
137	Harold Anderson	Herbert E. Barnes	58	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	..	..
138	L. G. Smith	W. J. Wadsworth	149	9	..	..	1	6	..	151	2	..
139	Stanley Barlow	H. T. Andrews	68	3	..	..	..	..	1	70	2	..
140	Chas. J. Moors	J. A. Underhill	176	16	2	1	3	9	..	183	7	..
141	E. Bolton	W. E. Crawford	90	1	..	..	2	3	2	84	..	6
142	Geo. K. McNaughton	Chas. J. Parnham	51	8	..	..	..	15	..	44	..	7
143	J. W. Smillie	D. P. McDiarmid	45	1	..	..	..	..	..	46	1	..
144	F. A. M. Roblin	E. W. Pickford	41	1	1	..	2	..	3	38	..	3
145	Wm. J. Tow	H. Leeson	436	48	..	..	9	6	2	467	31	..
146	John Watson	Alex. Weatherhead	50	4	..	..	1	..	2	51	1	..
147	A. J. Davison	Wm. W. Hill	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	..	..
148	A. D. McRae	H. E. Jones	37	1	..	..	3	3	..	32	..	5
149	M. McNeill	H. G. C. Ledger	70	1	..	..	3	..	..	68	..	2
150	Robert Syme	C. C. Reed	151	30	..	1	1	..	1	180	29	..
151	J. H. Leach	J. D. L. Leitch	49	3	2	..	..	10	1	43	..	6
152	W. J. Clarke	A. H. Watson	39	2	..	..	2	..	1	38	..	1
153	N. B. Roach	W. W. Stover	66	15	..	..	..	1	..	80	14	..
154	Geo. A. Jeckell	Frank H. Osborn	119	2	..	2	2	3	..	118	..	1
155	Thos. G. Anderson	Robt. Ferguson	55	3	..	..	..	..	1	57	2	..
156	Cecil A. Blay	Arthur T. Foot	121	5	..	..	2	..	2	122	1	..
157	L. Norris	E. F. Lloyd	59	4	..	..	1	..	1	61	2	..
158	Arthur Hayr	W. D. King	87	25	1	..	4	..	2	107	20	..
159	..	..	84	9	2	2	91	5	1	..	..	84

CHAPTER RETURNS

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation
160	Prince Albert	Prince Albert	Third Tuesday
161	Madoc	Madoc	Thursday af. f. m.
162	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw	Third Thursday
163	The Beaches	Toronto	First Monday
164	Lorne	West Lorne	Second Wednesday
165	Saskatoon	Saskatoon	Third Friday
166	Moose Mountain	Arcola	Friday af. f. m.
167	Kichikewana	Midland	Fourth Friday
168	Ionic	Campbellford	Second Tuesday
169	Temiskaming	New Liskeard	First Wednesday
170	Golden Compass	Sintaluta	Second Tuesday af. f. m.
171	Rabboni	Dauphin	Second Tuesday
173	Weyburn	Weyburn	Second Wednesday
174	Boundary	Grand Forks	Third Thursday
175	The Hamilton	Hamilton	Third Tuesday
*176	Bekah	Macleod	
177	Kether	Pincher Creek	Friday on or b. f. m.
178	Kaien	Prince Rupert	Third Wednesday
*179	Otuskwan	Calgary	
180	Estevan	Estevan	First Tuesday
181	Battleford	Battleford	Third Thursday
182	Camosun	Victoria	Second Monday
183	Mount Sinai	Rivers	Third Friday
184	Hugh Murray	Bridgeburg	Second Tuesday
185	Toronto	Toronto	Third Monday
186	Unity	Swift Current	Second Wednesday
187	Connaught	Winnipeg	Fourth Friday
190	Pacific	Vancouver	Second Monday
191	N. Vancouver	N. Vancouver	Second Tuesday
192	Trinity	Melville	Second Thursday
193	Govan	Govan	Second Tuesday af. f. m.
194	Orient	Moosomin	First Wednesday af. f. m.
195	Peel	Brampton	First Tuesday
*196	Keystone	Red Deer	
*197	Capital City	Edmonton	
198	Couchiching	Orillia	Third Monday
*199	Vermilion	Vermilion	
*200	Hillvue	Hillcrest	
201	Tau Cross	Claresholm	Second Tuesday
*202	Mt. Olivet	Killam	First Wednesday
203	Cobalt	Cobalt	Third Tuesday
*204	Norwood	Edmonton	
205	Victoria	Thornhill	Second Wednesday
206	Kelowna	Kelowna	Second Thursday
207	King George	Yorkton	First Thursday af. f. m.
208	Assiniboia	Assiniboia	Second Thursday
209	Humboldt	Humboldt	Third Thursday
210	Kitchener	Russell	First Friday
U.D	Shaunavon	Shaunavon	First Wednesday

* Joined with Grand Chapter of Alberta.

CHAPTER RETURNS TO 31st DECEMBER, 1916

Chapter No.	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Members 31st Dec., 1915	Admissions	Joinings	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	Members 31st Dec., 1916	Increase	Decrease
160	J. M. Morrison	John McMillan	96	6		1	3	22	1	77		19
161	J. J. Porritt	Will J. Hill	71	7					1	77	6	
162	Frank W. Kearney	C. Albert Smith	240	11	3	4	2			256	16	
163	J. L. Curran	R. E. Miller	76	9			3		1	81	5	
164	D. Turner	W. A. Becker	58	3			2			59	1	
165	Herbert Westcott	G. H. Crimes	256	25	2		4			279	23	
166	J. R. Donaldson	W. Gibson	75	16			2	15		74		1
167	W. J. Martin	R. D. Keefe	98	1			1	1	1	96		2
168	Fred. W. Wood	Robt. J. Allan	72	7					1	78	6	
169	James Taylor	E. Monaghan	145	5			3		2	145		
170	J. M. Hastings	C. G. Weldon	53				4		1	48		5
171	G. H. Palmer	H. W. Culver	130	7			1		2	134	4	
173	Eli Barish	John C. Waddington	107	7			1	11		102		5
174	Alfred S. McKim	W. J. Cook	43							43		
175	D. J. Peace	W. F. McGiverin	90	7			1		2	94	4	
176			26	1		3	30					26
177	D. Thomson	J. J. Gillespie	26	4						30	4	
178	David H. Hays	Arthur Brooksbank	83	4	1	1	3		3	83		
179			38	4			42					38
180	J. D. Partington	T. Skerratt	51	20	1			10	1	61	10	
181	W. G. Hillary	W. C. Soole	62	2			1		1	62		
182	J. W. Pomeroy	A. C. Messer	81	14	7		2	3	1	96	15	
183	D. C. Jonason	C. H. Payne	89	8				16	1	80		9
184	Thos. J. Willbee	John A. North	47				1	2	1	43		4
185	Harry P. Ellis	James R. Bulmer	138	26	2		2	6		158	20	
186	M. Moncrieff	J. A. Yager	85	12	2	3	3		1	98	13	
187	George G. Teeter	John Macwhirter	78	11	3		3			89	11	
190	Thomas H. Laslett	John G. Scott	84	12	1		3			94	10	
191	A. S. Billings	C. R. Lane	63	1			2	5		57		6
192	Byers Moore	John Henning	54	18	1		1	6	1	65	11	
193	John Dutton	J. Orville Clarke	60	6	1		1			66	6	
194	J. T. Johnston	F. B. Fenwick	67		4					71	4	
195	R. W. Lowry	W. C. Young	25	5					1	29	4	
196			79				79					79
197			173	12	4		18	7	2			173
198	H. Parsons	D. H. McGill	64	9					1	72	8	
199			59				59					59
200			21				21					21
201	H. O. Haslam	W. T. Cochran	24	3						27	3	
202			20				20					20
203	Robt. Le Heup	A. E. Bryson	65	4					1	68	3	
204			49	7			56					49
205	J. B. McLean	J. E. Francis	20							20		
206	Geo. H. Dunn	John Leathley	22	16						38	16	
207	T. F. Acheson	C. Holmes	15	33	3					51	36	
208	J. B. Smith	R. W. J. Phillips	9	19						28	19	
209	E. T. Wallace	W. R. Learmonth		50	17					67	67	
210	Geo. Sutherland	J. A. Cochrane		2	10					12	12	
UD	James McCoubrey	Hugh Brown		11	20					31	31	
			19,179	1,384	148	56	1,091	442	252	18,982	905	1,102

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters, Warranted	166			
Number of Chapters, U.D.	1			
	167			
Number of Members, December 31st, 1915				19,179
Number of Registrations, " 1916		1,384		
Number of Joinings, " "		148		
Number of Restorations, " "		56		
			1,588	
Number of Withdrawals, " "		1,091		
Number of Suspensions, " "		442		
Number of Deaths, " "		252		
			1,785	
Net Loss				197
Total Membership, December 31st, 1916				18,982

SUSPENSIONS

Chapter.

No. 1. Roger F. Nicholls, Dennis Jordon, Joseph Nash, Alfred C. Dunbar, Robert A. Thompson, Edward R. Hagen.

No. 2. Wm. Hunter, Joseph H. Acheson, Edward Hasselfeldt, Stuart A. Woods, H. J. R. Bond, Charles A. McBride, Samuel Wright.

No. 3. James O. Weldon.

No. 4. George Humphrey, David Douglas, John Edmonds, George Glendinning, James H. Green, Joseph Johnston, James F. Murray, J. A. McPherson, Walter R. Walters, J. C. Nornabell, Geo. McC. Ross, J. McIntyre Scott, E. F. W. Salisbury, Herbert R. White, Francis T. Young, Arthur Gilray.

No. 5. John L. Flannigan, James A. Johnston, Peter E. McKay, J. K. Spry, Frank Thompson, E. A. Crow.

No. 7. Herbert T. Carr, Samuel A. Gordneer, Silas E. Lennox, Oliver P. Lowery, Alfred Skinner, Herbert R. Wilson.

No. 8. Charles W. Worth, H. J. McWhirter, W. E. Slater.

No. 18. M. H. Hastings, James Fairbanks.

No. 20. Richard Storey, William J. Graham, William M. Leys, Henry L. Hagey, Amos Roy Misener, Paul John Vernon.

No. 22. F. P. Drummond, Arthur Parker, Wm. H. Plumb, Wm. Scott.

No. 23. George F. Allen, Gordon G. Byers, B. F. Bryan, Court C. Fairchilds, W. H. Stalker, Wallace E. Smith.

No. 24. Harvey M. Myers, Robert C. Puddicombe, John S. McInnes, Robert B. Johnson, James N. Hill, John H. Wilkinson, Walter G. Craig, Wm. C. Patton.

No. 27. John W. Beer, Reg. H. Brown.

No. 29. Wm. F. Scott, Augene Rietzke, Henry Marshall, Joseph Ewing, James A. McIndoe.

No. 30. Robert McKay.

No. 34. Frank D. Haight, J. E. Warren, W. S. Hollett.

No. 47. Harold Callwood, Ross Hicklin, Wm. C. McArthur, Joseph Royce.

No. 48. John G. Orr, Charles A. Munson, Thomas Diamond, William H. Davidson, William Rankin, R. D. Albertina, William Owens, C. C. Field.

No. 53. Samuel McCann, Donald Fisher, John H. McClure, Alexander D. Minielly, John C. Reid, Robert O. Laird.

No. 54. Fred. Guest, Harry E. Cox, John Wm. Hunter.

No. 56. John C. Crane, James Black, John A. Richardson, James C. Brown, Archibald McMillan, Alexander Brown, John Parsons, Chris. J. Bartley, Hugh R. Polson, John W. Marshall, Ed. W. Newman.

No. 57. Frank Ibbotson, Michael Broderick, G. F. Allen, Bernard J. Norton.

No. 60. John S. Spaulding, Thomas F. Cook.

No. 62. Thomas H. Scott, Duncan A. Webber, Malcolm C. Turner.

No. 67. Archie F. Ballius, John McRitchie, Lorne Palmer.

No. 68. Robert Reid.

Chapter.

No. 72. Lucas VanAllen, William R. Howson, William W. Wallace, William F. Bonter, William M. Wickett.

No. 75. Ebenezar Winn, Russell Bowlby.

No. 77. Robert M. Armstrong, Albert Collins, Arthur B. Chapman, Edward Callaghan, Joseph A. Cadieux, Nathan Blumberg, Charles W. DeMille, Archibald Ferguson, George A. Graham, Adam Graham, Henry Irving, Hugh Johnston, William H. Hamm, Alfred Hinds, Walter J. Healey, Frank Hay, John Hutchison, William VanPelt Hamm, Robert W. Lowry, Charles Ketcheson, Alexander Moffatt, Abraham E. Matthews, Alexander W. McConnell, Robert Patterson, Geo. P. Richardson, William W. Sloan, Robert E. Strond, George F. Spry, John F. Selby, Ed. P. Stephenson, William A. Vickery, James H. Wamrick, William Whitehead.

No. 82. John W. Armstrong, William J. Clarke, J. C. Greer, A. T. Geikie, C. N. Laurie, J. A. Rapsey, Frank Tucker.

No. 84. James H. Bugg, Thomas Hill, E. A. Hammond.

No. 94. D. A. Gall, A. J. Hewitt, E. B. Munn, George Moore, J. N. Tompkins.

No. 98. J. H. Carlisle, W. S. Dalby, W. M. Dobson, R. J. Esplin, E. A. Greenwood, H. Hemlow, H. H. Hotson, C. Milliard, F. A. T. Lucas, Wm. Miller, J. M. Miller, J. B. Payne, F. S. Potkins, C. S. Ryder, T. A. Switzer, J. Williams, W. D. Wood, J. P. Wright, F. Webb, R. E. Williams, E. S. Weeks, J. E. Black, J. A. Chambers, S. P. Conroy, J. H. Hamilton, J. McLeod, J. G. McKinley, J. G. Price, J. Walker, J. L. Wolworth.

No. 99. Richard H. Smith, Leslie H. Parker, Hugh J. Robinson, Thomas B. McCartney, William F. Howes, Jacob J. McCulloch, Robert A. McGillivray, Thomas H. Wardell, John Mitchell, John H. Watson, Walter McCulloch, Francis A. Connor, Frederick Woodcock Newton, Henry Rogers, Harry G. Coleman.

No. 100. John S. Semple, Leonard R. Cossitts.

No. 103. W. M. Hough, C. A. Beach, L. B. Christie, Gordon Munroe, S. H. Torrance.

No. 112. Henry Winstanley, Fred. A. Nash, W. A. Edwards.

No. 122. H. A. Wright, W. J. Lusk, C. O. Hagan, N. T. Tregear.

No. 123. Thomas J. Sims, Alfred E. W. Constans, George H. Rotherham, William A. Calder, Hazen E. Stevenson.

No. 125. Enos H. Small, Frank McCabe, Mike Johnson, George T. Rogers, Wentworth S. Bell, John H. Scott, John E. Gibbon, James G. Sutherland, Stafford Knowles Harvie, Thomas H. Christian, Harry Mathers, John E. Davis, Lachlan J. McKinnon.

No. 130. Hamilton Smellie, Richard Buckley, Thomas M. Humble.

No. 132. Frank J. Hicks, Henry Knox, Peter Reid, C. B. Rogers, E. R. Chapman, John Griffith.

No. 135. Howard Stone, Robert W. Groves, Samuel C. Swanton.

No. 138. Edwin V. Lansley, John A. Shaw, Harvey Daley, James B. Cunningham, Arthur E. Rowley, George Ellis.

Chapter.

No. 140. Fred. A. Fair, John Nicholson, Ellis W. Cameron, Henry McCranor, Robert McCranor, Lloyd S. Higham, A. E. Harper, Robinson Sutherland, Robert E. Wright.

No. 141. Amos A. Newart, E. M. Whitley, S. J. Mott.

No. 142. Clive A. Staples, John Bryden, Stanley H. Riggs, Harrison P. Millard, John Thompson, John Baird, Earle W. Clarke, Joseph Walker, David Stevenson, Thomas White, Robert C. Wilson, Frank Ramsay, J. D. Winningham, Harvey A. Christie, G. McK. McLeod.

No. 145. L. K. Cameron, Charles R. Palmer, David A. Phillips, C. A. Ryerson, Wm. J. Street, Archibald Stevenson.

No. 148. Charles S. Bennett, Thomas H. Greenbank, Solmes Appleby.

No. 151. W. S. Dewar, Wm. Edwards, John Harrison, W. R. Hill, G. E. Josephs, R. W. Kenning, J. R. Merkley, G. S. McCagherty, W. D. McLaren, J. G. Forgie.

No. 153. Simmon A. Brigham.

No. 154. Julius Rehm, Malcolm Nicholson, Frederick A. H. Fych.

No. 159. Alexander Y. McCorquodale, William H. Todd, Hugh Patterson, Donald Currie, John D. Church.

No. 160. William W. Amos, George Braden, William A. Botham, Charles O. Davidson, James W. Garrett, John Hatton, Charles D. McGregor, Thomas Robertson, George Will, James Taylor, Albert E. Wild, Silas A. Milligan, Royal H. Montgomery, John S. Fowlie, Cecil George Simpson, George Haines, William A. Johnson, Hyman Yewdall, Barrett L. Clemons, Peter A. Forsyth, Edwin Gibson, Alfred E. Partridge.

No. 166. Earnest W. Harris, Robert H. Cook, William H. Montgomery, Richard Francis, Edward Ripley. Malcolm Orr, J. E. Buck, F. R. Law, W. J. Armstrong, Hume Robertson, J. R. Hallman, Joseph S. Bush, R. A. Machan, W. E. Dorsett, H. McL. Cameron.

No. 167. Leslie C. Adams.

No. 173. William T. McKenzie, John McKain, David Watson, John Campbell McClellan, George Murray Shaw, John Marshall, Elgin B. Brown, Archibald B. Pollock, Frederick T. Andrews, Owen Hughes, John Booth.

No. 180. Harry F. Turner, H. W. Shore, Harry E. McKenzie, C. E. LaBranche, Peter Lyall, Hugh Roan, A. N. Olson, C. A. Wynne-Jones, E. A. Allward, Lawson Mead.

No. 182. James H. Lopez, Neil McLean, David Kennedy.

No. 183. Peter Eye, James Allison, George E. Hawkins, Sydney D. Thomas, Alvin C. Watts, Hamuel M. DeRoche, Norman Tate, John Dowd, H. R. A. Adams, George W. S. Lomas, James C. Jensen, Wm. A. Bent, James McGillivary, Frederick Clarke, Issac Hull, John W. Haddon.

No. 184. John R. Mencke, Russell H. Rapley.

No. 185. Walter H. Shaw, Fred H. Robinson, Thomas A. Bell, I. Howard Crosby, Charles J. F. Collier, Frank W. Prentice.

Chapter.

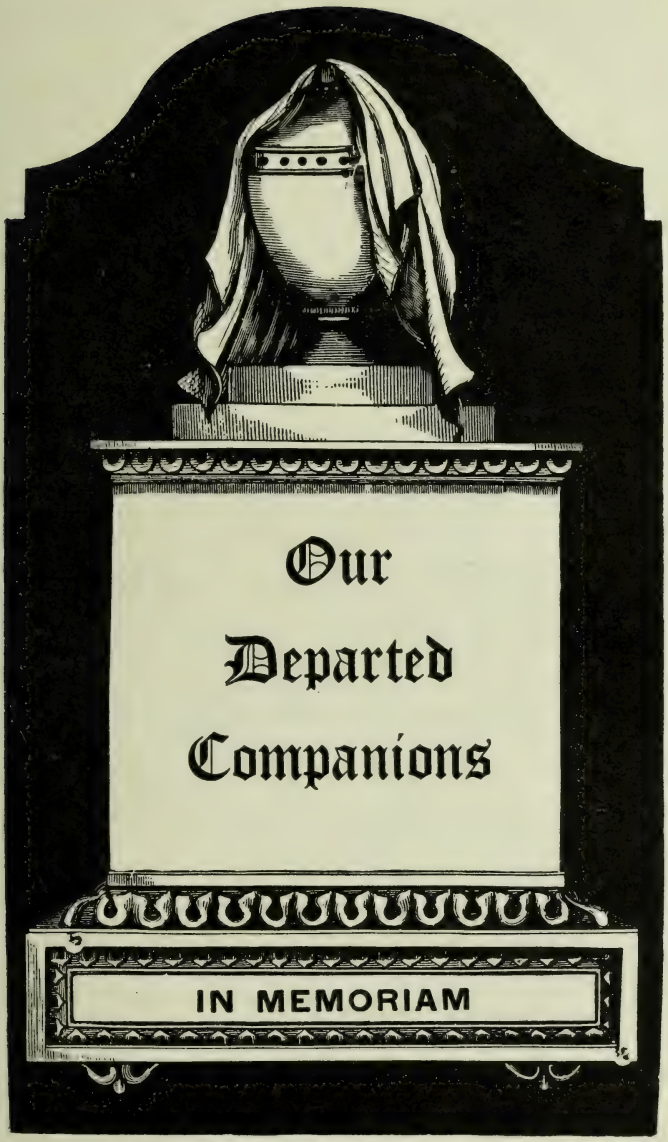
No. 191. John B. Paine, Thomas Hutchinson, Henry D. Ruggles, Albert J. Tyson, Dugald H. McColl.

No. 192. John Dowd, F. J. Moritz, J. P. Walthiew, R. J. Wylie, Thomas Goulden, S. R. Waugh.

RESTORATIONS.

Chapter.

No. 2. Sidney T. Tribute, Charles H. Urry.
No. 3. Frank B. Whiting.
No. 4. Thomas J. D. R. Dewar.
No. 5. William G. Patterson, W. W. Gammage.
No. 6. David Charles James.
No. 7. William A. Shaw.
No. 8. William James Coulter.
No. 15. S. E. Cornell.
No. 22. Matthew McGuire.
No. 27. John T. Myler.
No. 28. Edward W. Whiting.
No. 32. Bertram Ellis Canniff.
No. 36. John Montgomery Bygott, W. Arthur Noble.
No. 37. Noble E. Harness, William F. Clemisha.
No. 56. George S. Armstrong.
No. 61. J. Ferguson Millar.
No. 70. August Briese.
No. 72. Byron O. Lott.
No. 73. Henry Bloom.
No. 75. William Ernest Hollwell.
No. 76. James A. Newport.
No. 79. Gilmour J. Steele.
No. 82. Charles J. McLennan, W. A. Brown.
No. 99. Henry John Foik.
No. 103. William H. Milne, L. B. Christie.
No. 112. Fred. A. Nash, William A. Edwards.
No. 117. Max Volkert, Eugene W. Tuerk.
No. 140. Alexander D. Stewart.
No. 150. John A. Ferguson.
No. 154. Charles Macdonald, Bertram B. Pinkerton.
No. 159. John Damon Church, Hugh Patterson.
No. 160. Abraham J. Neill.
No. 162. Thomas A. Caswell, Charles M. Mullen, J. B. Swanston, Leslie L. Heywood.
No. 178. Frederick B. Deacon.
No. 186. Lewis M. Robinson, Robert Reid Anderson, Thomas Bell.


Our
Departed
Companions
IN MEMORIAM

R. EX. COMPANION

James Kirkpatrick Kerr

HONORARY PAST GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL

Grand Representative—Scotland

DIED 4th DECEMBER, 1916

TORONTO, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Donald McPhie

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

HAMILTON DISTRICT No. 5—1878

Grand Representative—Pennsylvania

DIED 9th AUGUST, 1916

HAMILTON, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

George W. Bruce

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9—1908

DIED 16th APRIL, 1916

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

Andrew Hill

GRAND STEWARD—1916

DIED 27th JULY, 1916

MARKDALE, ONT.

Deaths

Chapter.

No. 1. Malcolm Sutherland, 1916 ; John McD. Mowat, 1916 ; James T. McKim, 1916 ; Archibald G. Sinclair, 1916 ; Burton C. Taggart, 1916.

No. 2. Gabriel Belanger, 31 Jan., 1916 ; Hugh McKellar, 12 Feb., 1916 ; James Anderson, 12 Feb., 1916 ; Henry Hartung, 2 April, 1916 ; Hiram Barker, 21 June, 1916 ; George Watson, 27 July, 1916 ; Samuel Thorne, 28 July, 1916 ; Fred Ford, 9 Sept., 1916.

No. 3. John Callard, 27 April, 1916 ; John F. Stephenson, 1 Feb., 1916 ; William O'Brien, 22 June, 1916 ; Hugh E. Ashton, 27 Feb., 1916 ; John H. Case, 18 June, 1916 ; William Gray, 12 Dec., 1916 ; John C. Love, 7 Feb., 1916 ; Thomas Wedderburn, 26 Dec., 1916.

No. 4. Richard P. Stephens, John Alexander, Thomas Tomlinson, 1912 ; John Wheeler Elliott, David McKeown ; James Herbert Elliott (dates not given) ; James Kirkpatrick Kerr, 4 Dec., 1916 ; Amaziah Norman, 17 Sept., 1916 ; Samuel Stern (date not given).

No. 5. Otto Emil Brener, July, 1914.

No. 6. Charles D. Blachford, 18 Jan., 1916 ; S. J. T. Brown, 1916 ; Donald McPhie, 9 Aug., 1916; J. S. Huntoon, 1916 ; William Noble, 1916 ; Thomas G. Gaston, 1916 ; J. N. Mattice, 1916.

No. 7. William Henry Hudson, 8 Oct., 1916.

No. 8. R. A. Smith, 27 Mar., 1916 ; Thomas Davies, 1916.

No. 15. David Manning, 13 Apr., 1916 ; Andrew McIntosh, 17 Sept., 1916 ; Dr. Wm. A. Henderson, 25 Oct., 1916 ; Edwin F. Goodison, 29 Oct., 1916.

Deaths

Chapter.

No. 16. William Anderson, 21 Jan., 1916; David Alexander, 25 May, 1916; Ephraim A. Bradshaw, 1916.

No. 18. George Douglas, 17 Nov., 1916.

No. 19. Alexander S. MacFarlane, 3 Jan., 1916.

No. 20. Harry D. Clepsattle, 2 May, 1916; George Atchinson Minnis, 13 Feb., 1916.

No. 22. Charles Cathcart Brouse, 2 Oct., 1916; James H. Kenning, 1916.

No. 23. Robert Y. Brook, 28 Feb., 1916; W. H. Whitside, 17 June, 1916; Alexander Ironsides, 9 Dec., 1916.

No. 24. Thomas A. Voyce, June, 1916.

No. 26. Henry C. Cole, 4 Sept., 1916.

No. 27. John P. Fluent, May, 1916; George W. Bruce, 16 April, 1916; Herbert Albery, 14 Aug., 1916.

No. 28. Lorenzo M. Brooks, 16 Sept., 1916.

No. 30. Anthony Allan, 17 Feb., 1916; Charles W. Babb, 7 Nov., 1916; William L. Horton, 6 March, 1916; Henry J. Murney, 4 May, 1916; Charles E. Sale, 17 Jan., 1916.

No. 31. Walter R. Leavens, 21 Feb., 1916.

No. 34. Samuel Wesley, July, 1916; E. Long, 4 Oct., 1916.

No. 36. James Robert Stratton, 19 April, 1916; William R. G. Higgins, 13 Aug., 1916.

No. 37. James Alexander Weatherilt, 15 June, 1916; Samuel Millson, 29 Dec., 1916.

Deaths

Chapter.
No. 40. C. H. Coney, 10 Mar., 1916.

No. 41. John Thomas Chilton, 26 Jan., 1916 ; John W. Patterson, 25 Sept., 1916.

No. 44. Hammel M. Deroche, 10 Mar., 1916.

No. 45. Robert L. W. Coxall, 11 June, 1916.

No. 48. Thomas Rowe, 20 Jan., 1916.

No. 52. Frank J. Drew, Feb., 1916 ; Alexander A. Aird, Jan., 1916 ; Angus Grant, 24 April, 1916 ; Wm. Pollock, Oct., 1916 ; A. M. Asseltine, May, 1916 ; J. W. Lord, 20 June, 1916 ; J. G. Morgan, Oct., 1916.

No. 54. William E. Cook, 6 Feb., 1916 ; James G. Graham, 12 July, 1916.

No. 56. Charles H. Munshaw, 6 Oct., 1916 ; John Rutherford, 1915.

No. 58. George Clapperton, June, 1916.

No. 59. Albert E. Shaver, 10 Mar., 1916 ; William J. Simpson, 9 April, 1916 ; William H. Albery, 4 May, 1916 ; Daniel Derbyshire, June, 1916 ; Andrew M. Wilson, 17 May, 1916.

No. 62. George Edson Post, 24 Mar., 1916 ; Walter H. Vanderlip, Feb., 1916.

No. 64. Robert Magwood, 24 Nov., 1915.

No. 65. William M. Douglas, 1916 ; George F. Shepley, 16 Jan., 1916 ; C. R. W. Postlethwaite, 1916; Caleb Licence, 1916 ; Charles Heal, 1916.

No. 67. George Leighton, Jan., 1916 ; Thomas Douglas, Mar., 1916.

Deaths

Chapter.
No. 69. James Ambrose Pettit, 16 July, 1916.

No. 70. Alfred Francis Butterworth, 20 July, 1916.

No. 73. Robert B. Stinson, 20 April, 1916 ; James Edward Scott, 1 Oct., 1916.

No. 74. Fred W. Jay, 9 July, 1916 ; Robert J. Thompson, 10 April, 1916 ; John Smith, Aug., 1916.

No. 75. Donald McPhie, 9 Aug., 1916 ; John D. McGibbon, 31 July, 1916 ; Robert Muir Brown, 6 Mar., 1916.

No. 76. Wilfred V. Bowen, 1 April, 1916 ; John Kimmins, 5 Aug., 1916 ; Frederick Fischer, 26 Sept., 1916 ; William Dalton, 20 Dec., 1916.

No. 77. William Sprinks, 4 April, 1916 ; John A. Winning, 22 Oct., 1916 ; Albert Edward Breckels, 18 June, 1916 ; Job Mouldey, 27 Nov., 1916 ; James Seymour, 2 Dec., 1916.

No. 79. Thomas Caldicott, May, 1916 ; William A. Ferrier, 7 May, 1916 ; William McAllister, July, 1916 ; William Maginn ; Geo. M. Gardner (dates not given).

No. 80. Claude Wellington Pike, 8 Oct., 1916 ; Thomas Burnie, 24 Sept., 1916.

No. 81. John Richardson, 10 May, 1916.

No. 82. J. McLean, P. J. Brown, Hugh Wilson (dates not given) ; Archibal Gray, 20 Sept., 1916.

No. 83. Edmund Field, 22 Mar., 1916 ; Andrew Hill, 27 July, 1916 ; Frederick Hartley, 30 May, 1916.

No. 86. Francis A. Clarke, 4 Jan., 1916 ; Thomas McCarroll, 25 June, 1916 ; James W. Bridgett, 7 Aug., 1916 ; Duncan Bole, 30 Aug., 1907 ; James Cruickshank, 20 Dec., 1914.

Deaths

Chapter.

No. 88. William H. Switzer, 22 Mar., 1916 ; Delos C. McDonald, 11 Nov., 1916.

No. 90. Lewis David McCall, 17 April, 1916.

No. 91. John W. Carter, 1916 ; Robert E. R. Reevell, 21 April, 1916 ; James Mitchell, 9 Nov., 1916.

No. 94. William Stewart Curry, 1914.

No. 95. Joseph Ellenton, 14 April, 1916 ; Findlay Sinclair, 8 May, 1916.

No. 98. James A. Fitzsimmons, Feb., 1916 ; Donald M. Stewart, 9 May, 1916 ; Theophilus Michell, 13 May, 1916 ; Nelson G. Foster, 2 June, 1916 ; James Commiskey, 5 June, 1916 ; John Hendry, 7 July, 1916 ; W. E. Bradwin, 10 Sept., 1916.

No. 99. Alman Clare Williams, 1916.

No. 100. E. A. Buckmar, 1 May, 1916 ; Allan E. Soper, 23 May, 1916.

No. 101. Alexander T. Embree, 9 July, 1916 ; Ebenezer W. Acaster, 17 Aug., 1916 ; A. Laughlin, 25 Mar., 1916.

No. 102. Robert J. Aitkin, 15 June, 1916.

No. 103. Frank A. Childs, 4 Mar., 1916 ; D. Jacobs, 29 June, 1916.

No. 112. Arthur W. Ault, 19 Nov., 1916.

No. 115. John Cunningham, 25 Nov., 1916.

No. 120. Duncan C. MacGregor, 1916.

No. 121. George Wilson, 21 June, 1916 ; Gilbert Beatson, May, 1916 ; John Arthur Cullum, 10 Nov., 1916.

Deaths

Chapter.
No. 124. William John Brandrith, 28 Sept., 1916.

No. 126. George V. Evans, 27 Jan., 1916 ; Norman W. McLeod, 7 April, 1916 ; Davis Patterson, 2 Jan, 1916.

No. 128. Maitland P. Lane, 1916.

No. 130. George Brown Bell, 1916 ; Joseph Wells, 21 Mar., 1913.

No. 132. Isaac Cole, Nov., 1916 ; Walter W. Bennett, 30 Dec., 1916 ; Wm. Funnell, 28 Dec., 1913 ; George Whitmarsh, 17 July, 1915.

No. 135. Walter Fletcher Waines, 28 Sept., 1916.

No. 136. Arthur Booth, 20 June, 1915 ; Clyde C. Ferguson, 18 Feb., 1916.

No. 139. Josiah Frost, 20 Mar., 1916.

No. 141. David Falconer, 5 May, 1916 ; John C. Mussell, Sept., 1916.

No. 144. David Wellington Richmond, 5 Mar., 1916 ; Stephen R. Thoine, 30 Oct., 1916 ; Isaac Oscar Proctor, 5 Mar., 1916.

No. 145. William H. Shepard, 25 Jan., 1916 ; Albert Neal, 25 Sept., 1916.

No. 146. Arron Roos, 11 Dec., 1916 ; Alfred St. George Hawkins, 12 Nov., 1916.

No. 150. F. Mercer, 1916.

No. 151. Alexander Gordon, 26 Oct., 1916.

No. 152. Percy Andrew Wright, 21 Dec., 1916.

No. 155. George H. Munroe, June, 1916.

No. 156. James Albert Leonard, 3 Feb., 1916 ; Cyrus R. MacIntosh, 1 Sept., 1916.

Deaths

Chapter.

No. 157. Robert John Mutrie, Mar., 1916.

No. 158. John Walter Bartlett, 3 Mar., 1916 ; Joseph A. Young, 7 Sept., 1916.

No. 159. William Eugene Green, 14 March, 1916.

No. 160. Frank A. Creighton, June, 1916.

No. 161. William I. Tumelty, 12 Dec., 1916.

No. 163. George I. Stanley, 20 Nov., 1916.

No. 167. Charles Thompson Darling, 15 Sept., 1916.

No. 168. Bertram Dawson, 31 Dec., 1916.

No. 169. James Warner, Dec., 1916; Wilfred F. Peterman, Dec., 1916.

No. 170. Henry Oscar Partridge, 17 Jan., 1916.

No. 171. Edward D. Coffey, 7 Aug., 1916 ; Charles Wm. Shaw, Aug., 1916.

No. 175. Donald McPhie, 9 Aug., 1916; Robert Maitland Roy, 1916.

No. 178. Alfred J. Morris, 4 April, 1916 ; James K. Simpson, 2 Sept., 1915 ; John Alexander McDonald, 3 Sept., 1916.

No. 180. Millard Pope, 12 Jan., 1916.

No. 181. Francis James Shury, Sept., 1916.

No. 182. John Errol Newman, 25 Oct., 1916.

No. 183. Norman Ferguson, June, 1916.

No. 184. Alfred B. Hurrell, 9 Oct., 1916.

No. 186. John Jacob Palmer, 4 Sept., 1916.

No. 192. Charles H. Bell, 29 Oct., 1916.

No. 195. William Henry McFadden, 20 Jan., 1916.

No. 197. Andrew Hill, 29 July, 1916; Eugene A. Drader, 18 Sept., 1916.

No. 198. Erastus Long, 4 Oct., 1916.

No. 203. Wilfred F. Peterman, 26 Sept., 1916.

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Canadians, by their willing and prompt rally to the flag, have earned the gratitude of the Motherland.

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The names of the Companions are subjoined who have been reported to the Grand Scribe E.'s office as having enlisted for active overseas service.

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The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton, Ont.—Ex. Comp. E. E. Linger, Comps. Sam Cridge Troubridge, C. A. McBride, A. P. Whitney, Wm. Brine, Alex. Barclay, John Campbell, S. L. Eisenhofer, A. J. McVittie, N. D. Stapley, Chester S. Walters, Gilbert J. Clayton, H. J. Gilbert, Frank A. Muir, Charles E. Mawson, S. T. Tribute, James Varley.

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The Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville, Ont.—Comps. Capts. Dr. Perry Gladstone Goldsmith, William Henry Hudson (killed in action 8th Oct., 1916), Dr. Henry S. Clapp, William Stuart; Lieut. William C. McGuines (died at Montreal while waiting to go overseas 11 Dec., 1916), Charles M. Sprague, James Hopert McGuire, William E. Schuester, Wm. John Cook, Thomas Richard Dands, Philip Henry Wills, Rev. John Alex. Petrie, William A. Shaw, Claude Wallace.

King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. Major D. A. Clark, M.D. ; Comps. Major H. S. Cooper, Capts. R. A. Donald, W. A. Child, Francis Francis, Jr., Jas. E. Brown, Lieuts. W. G. Gowland, Jos. H. Hughes, John Sharp, Wm. G. Fairbanks, Harry E. Gee, A. S. Pearson, T. E. Bowman, Q.M.-Sergt. J. V. Conroy, Sgt.-Major E. G. Fry, Sgts. S. N. Francis, Leonard Jaquiss, Corps. F. W. Tetley, Arthur H. Smith, Ptes. W. H. Bateson, E. W. Barber, R. J. Coley, Fred W. Burns, Horace N. Carr, Arthur E. Mandy.

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Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines, Ont.—V. Ex. Comp. Lieut.-Col. J. S. Campbell, Ex. Comp. Lieut.-Col. F. C. McCordick, Comps. Major W. Hamilton Merritt, Capt. Henry B. Burgoyne.

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Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood, Ont.—Ex. Comp. T. E. Hawkins, Comps. Major S. McClelland, Lieut. W. D. T. Atkinson, Sgt.-Major J. Johnston, Ptes. Ernest Walker, J. W. Rose, F. A. Nettleton, Roy Vanzant, F. Loughlin.

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Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Major H. C. Dunlop, Comps. Majors C. E. Sale, E. N. Lewis, Ptes. W. L. Yule, C. W. Garthwaite, J. B. McKay, A. M. MacInnes, Driver J. Alex. Straiton.

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Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Lieut.-Col. A. J. Oliver, Comp. Major J. N. McRae.

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Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterborough, Ont.—Comps. Col. R. M. Dinnistoun, R. J. Stuart, Lt.-Col. C. H. Ackerman, Majors S. T. Medd, R. P. Watt, Keith G. Lech, Capts. Geo. Brisco, J. M. Bygott, Dr. A. D. McPherson, Lieuts. Dr. G. S. Cameron, A. R. Laing, A. T. Lefevre, Dr. V. H. McWilliams, G. K. Rackham, Claude Rogers, Q.M. Sgt. R. G. Cottrell, Sergts. Hurrell Dodds, D. H. Downie, D. A. Loomis, J. Fred Reed, R. J. Matchett, Rev. J. R. Bonner, Gunner W. T. Regan, Ptes. W. A. Noble, W. D. Parker, D. Carlisle.

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WELLINGTON CHAPTER, No. 47, CHATHAM, ONT.—Comps. E. N. Fremlin, W. N. Gallougher (killed March 20, 1915), H. A. G. Willoughby, R. W. Angus, H. S. Clements, Rev. R. S. W. Howard, Alex. McDougal, Chas. A. Praugley, John Riddell, Neil Smith, H. D. Smith, W. M. Taylor, Geo. W. Welsh.

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PRINCE RUPERT CHAPTER, No. 52, WINNIPEG, MAN.—Comps. John Barter, Walter Jeanes, Russell M. McLeod, Dr. Robert M. Simpson, Charles S. Shipman, George B. Williams, George A. Williams, Henry S. R. Warwick, J. A. McTaggart, A. McCharles, D. Williamson, E. A. Shaw, J. S. Laycock, G. F. Stableford, L. H. King, J. M. Beckett, C. B. Handcock, D. King, H. J. Watson, F. T. Cadham, S. L. Barrowclough, D. McLean, G. G. Miller, E. J. Simon, J. A. Acheson.

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Bailey, E. W. Ramey (returned July, 1916), H. E. Tylar, T. H. May (killed 17th April, 1916), R. J. Anderson, James Urquhart, C. L. Spittler, G. M. Baldwin, J. R. McNiell, H. S. Chapman.

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Sussex Chapter, No. 59, Brockville, Ont.—Comps. Capt. Herbert H. Edwards, Albert L. Kearns, David Miles, E. C. H. Moore, Fred L. Barclay, Allan S. Connor.

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THE MALLOCH CHAPTER, No. 66, SEAFORTH, ONT.—V. Ex. Comp. Major R. S. Hays, Comps. Capt. H. H. Hodgins, C. E. Dowding, J. N. Gunn.

ENTERPRISE CHAPTER, No. 67, HARRISTON, ONT.—Comps. Major C. E. Livingstone, A. Donaldson, S. C. Southgate, B. W. Wilson.

GRIMSBY CHAPTER, No. 69, GRIMSBY, ONT.—R. Ex. Comp. A. E. Phipps ; Comps. A. E. Kimmons (killed), R. T. Johnson, E. S. Johnson, J. E. Scott, W. R. Woodland, W. B. Woolverton.

GRAND RIVER CHAPTER, No. 70, BRACEBRIDGE, ONT.—Comps. Dr. Peter McGibbon, A.M.C., Thos. S. S. Parker.

PRINCE OF WALES, No. 71, AMHERSTBURG, ONT.—Comp. Hugh Johnson.

BEAVER CHAPTER, No. 74, STRATHROY, ONT.—Comp. Capt. Fred W. Jay, Norman F. Newton, Robert R. Lloyd.

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, No. 75, MILTON, ONT.—Ex. Comp. C. E. Robertson (Aviation Corps), Comp. N. M. Campbell, B. G. Arnold.

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OCCIDENT CHAPTER, No. 77, TORONTO, ONT.—Comps. Majors A. C. Larter, E. G. Switzer ; Capts. J. S. Legge, A. McGregor (missing); Lieuts. W. D. Sprinks, W. H. Sharpe, W. J. Simpson, E. H. Jolliffe, J. M. Burden ; Sergts. W. G. B. Guguid (prisoner), R. H. Cuthbert, W. G. Giles, A. Green, S. G. Newdick, A. Ross, A. A. Burridge; Q.M.-Sergt. F. W. Hammett; Corps. J. Cottrill, W. Haslam, J. G. Bell, G. H. Woodburn ; Ptes. H. Carey, H. Hirst, W. F. Munroe, H. Dowie, J. Atkinson, F. Hopkinson, F. Sheridan, C. J. Barker, W. G. Self, E. Fraleigh, G. H. Wood, S. W. Gunbridge, J. Clegg, Seaman H. J. Newcombe.

MINNEWAWA CHAPTER, No. 78, PARKHILL, ONT.—Ex. Comps. Dr. G. W. Racey, D. C. Wilson, Comp. W. D. Brand.

Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto, Ont.—Comp. Alfred Henry Jones.

Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor, Ont.—Comps. Lieut.-Col. Ernest S. Wigle ; Major J. C. Tolmie ; Capts. Fred Laing Lodge, John F. Reid ; Lieuts. Claude Wellington Pike (killed in action), A. E. Cock, Orville Rolfson, Sergt. Stanley Wallace.

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Ionic Chapter, No. 83, Orangeville, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. Lieut.-Col. J. A. V. Preston ; Ex. Comps. R. J. Bennett, Richard Robinson ; Comps. B. E. Matthews, W. K. Colbeck, J. E. L. Keyes, T. A. Carson.

Lebanon Chapter, No. 84, Wingham, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Capt. Adjt. Charles G. Van Stone ; Comp. Capt. Dr. George H. Ross.

Macpherson Chapter, No. 86, Meaford, Ont.—Comp. Dr. Joseph Jordan.

MacNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden, Ont.—Comps. Majors R. D. Black, Harold G. McVean.

Golden Chapter, No. 90, Kenora, Ont.—R. Ex. Comp. Major Dr. N. Schnarr ; Comps. Lieuts. H. W. Echlin, G. C. Hays, F. P. Edwards, A. P. Miller, George Kidd.

Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, Toronto, Ont.—Comps. Col. J. A. Currie ; Capts. A. G. Fletcher, Raymond Walker ; Sergt.-Majors W. H. Grant, G. W. Boughton ; Gunners W. Sirrett, J. N. Williams, W. R. B. Humphries ; Pte. A. H. Green ; W. Ross, E. C. Hockaday, T. G. Crossan, Geo. Ferguson, J. Mitchell (died from wounds), R. H. Greer, E. J. Taylor.

VANCOUVER CHAPTER, No. 98, VANCOUVER, B.C.—Comps. Col. J. Duff Stuart ; Major Jas. Sclater; Capts. Frederick Bayliss, G. M. Endacott ; R. Ex. Comp. Lieut. J. H. Roaf ; Ex. Comps. Donald M. Moore (killed in action), Rev. A. L. Burch ; Comps. Ptes. George P. Bowie (killed in action), J. A. Fraser, C. E. King, E. S. Morgan, R. McMahon, Frank Smith (killed in action), G. A. Watson, T. E. L. Taylor, H. W. Pyatt, H. G. D. Kemp, J. Hucheon, R. D. Thompson, A. J. Banham, E. A. S. Chowne, A. U. de Pencier, N. M. Hall, M. McPhatter, G. H. McKay, W. C. Smaill, C. S. Thicke, P. L. King, E. P. Dennis, J. M. MacMillan, C. Marpole.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 99, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.—Ex. Comp. H. A. Gordon ; Comps. A. C. Williams (killed in action), F. G. Taylor, C. D. McPherson, A. L. Hamilton, A. J. Pollitt, Alex. Campbell, J. P. McKinnon, G. R. Milne.

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New South Wales	Jas. Conway Heighway	Sydney
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New Zealand	Robert Fletcher	Wellington
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South Dakota	D. Carrigan	Custer City
Tennesee	Martin Bell	Paris
Texas	W. A. Scott	Floresville
Utah	Michael Malone	Ogden
Vermont	C. W. Whitcomb	Proctorsville
Victoria	J. D'Amer Drew	Melbourne
Virginia	E. L. Guey	Norfolk
Washington	Nathan S. Porter	Olympia
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West Virginia	John A. Zorn	Wheeling
Wisconsin	A. J. Wallace	Duran
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REPORT ON

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :—

Your Committee, not being a bishop or a corporation sole, is yet a body composed of one man ; and that man sets out upon his second annual examination and review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters of the British Empire and the United States with a pleasant anticipation of entertainment and profit.

Alabama.

Norman Gunn, schoolmaster, lawyer, mayor of Thomasville, State Senator of Alabama, and a distinguished Mason, was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Alabama in December, 1914. He administered the affairs of the Grand Chapter for one year, presided at the 89th Annual Convocation, held in Montgomery on the 29th November, 1915, and delivered an excellent address, from which we quote : "In this material age of commercial activity and the scramble for wealth and power, let us remember that our Masonic duties and obligations should be the guide and monitor to our lives and conduct. Let us be faithful, patient, and not weary in well-doing. Let us be Brethren and Companions. We meet in Annual Convocation to fraternise, to unify, to organise, that we may the better display the beauties of our Order, practise its virtues, and disseminate good-fellowship and well-being, thereby making the world better. We have many things for which to be thankful. During the past Masonic year, we have made substantial and gratifying gain. More interest is being manifested among the Companions, a closer fraternal spirit is felt among them, and a decided improvement is noticed in many Chapters in putting on the degree work in approved form. The net gain in new members is very gratifying indeed. . . . The good work being done by

the Masonic Home is a source of gratification and pride to all the Masons in our jurisdiction. It is an accomplishment worthy of our noble purpose and a heritage which we shall proudly transmit to those who come after us. . . . The Masonic Widows and Orphans Home, located at Montgomery, belongs to the Craft. It is not an object of charity, but of duty—a means by which we may more effectively discharge our duty both to the living and to the dead. . . . At our last Annual Convocation the number of districts for the purpose of visitation, and inspection was increased to fifteen. I commend this change, and believe that it has proven beneficial, as it gives the Inspectors more time to devote to each Chapter, which has brought about good results."

There are 62 subordinate Chapters with 4,400 members ; net gain in a year, 251.

M.E. Comp. Lawrence H. Lee is again the writer of the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The report covers the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States (1915) and the Convocations of 56 Grand Chapters, principally State, of course. The British Grand Chapters whose proceedings are reviewed are : Canada (1915), England (1914 and 1915), New Brunswick (1914), New South Wales (1915), New Zealand (1915), Nova Scotia (1914), Quebec (1915), Scotland (1914 and 1915), and Victoria (1914 and 1915). The report is a masterly one. The conclusion is as follows : "The pleasant sojourn with our sister Grand Jurisdictions has ended. The profit is ours, as are the pleasant memories. Nothing to mar the journey except the word 'Foreign,' in connection with the Correspondence Reports. That is really a custom ; and, while it jars upon the sensibilities of one who wishes the spirit and teaching of Masonry to grip the whole of mankind and make us indeed and in truth Brethren and Companions, yet we know, it is not used in the jarring sense. Nevertheless, this reviewer would be pleased to see it deleted, and the word 'Fraternal' substituted."

William W. Ransom, Birmingham, Grand High Priest.

George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

Arizona.

The 26th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona was held on the 15th March, 1916, in the Masonic Temple in the city of Tucson, Arizona. M.E. Comp. James Manoah Swetnam, Grand High Priest, presided. In his address he rejoiced "that this beautiful city" Tucson, "as old as the history of the Pacific Slope, yet as modern, progressive, cultured, and ambitious as any of her younger sisters, was chosen as the meeting-place for this Grand Chapter." He also said that the subordinate Chapters were working harmoniously. As to progress, during the year 1915, thirty-one Master Masons had been exalted to the Royal Arch, which indicated a reasonable growth, "but not," said the Grand High Priest, "the growth we have a right to be satisfied with." It appears that there are only eight active constituent Chapters ; total membership, 772 ; net gain in a year, 8. There is a healthy surplus in the treasury.

During the year 1915 the death occurred of Past Grand High Priest Francis Asbury Shaw, who was born in 1832 and was Grand High Priest in 1894. The first Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, M.E. Comp. Martin William Kales, who was born in 1845, also died during 1915 ; he served as Grand Treasurer from 1891 until 1901. Portraits of these distinguished Companions and also one of Grand High Priest Swetnam adorn the small volume containing the proceedings.

There is a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which made a report on the Alberta difficulty ; but did not undertake the review usually found in the proceedings of the State Grand Chapters.

Edwin S. Miller, Flagstaff, Grand High Priest.

George J. Roskruge, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

Arkansas.

"Notwithstanding the conditions of depression which have existed throughout the country during the

past year, Capitular Masonry has flourished. Renewed enthusiasm is to be found everywhere, and the fraternal spirit is abroad in the land. It affords me great pleasure to report that the most cordial fraternal relations continue to exist with our sister jurisdictions, and that all is peace and harmony. It is also with great satisfaction that I can report the Chapters of this jurisdiction, with very few exceptions, active, and that there is is evidence of renewed life on every hand. The gain in membership has been a substantial one, and the material such as builders delight to use." This, from the address of Grand High Priest Zuber N. Short, at the 66th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, held at Little Rock, on the 18th November, 1915, was written a long time ago. We believe that the depression has passed away, and hope that a still more prosperous condition was revealed at the Convocation held in November, 1916, of which as yet we have received no report.

There are 85 chartered Chapters in the jurisdiction and one under dispensation, but the membership is not large—4,378. The net gain in a year was 27 or 29 ; there seems to be a slight mistake in the figures given in the volume of proceedings.

New Grand Chapter officers were elected, but, so far as the proceedings shew, not installed. Installation may not be necessary under the constitution, or there may be an omission in the printed record.

Comp. Gordon Huffmaster, the Committee on Correspondence, is an able and serious reviewer. Under "Canada" he pays a well-deserved tribute of respect to our own R.E. Comp. George J. Bennett, who as Grand Scribe Ezra and reviewer has made a profound impression on the minds and hearts of our United States Companions. Gordon Huffmaster says that George Bennett is "the one of all other worthy Companions of the jurisdiction whose influence moulds and fashions the affairs of Capitular Masonry in that vast Dominion."

Some one has been chaffing Comp. Huffmaster about Arkansas, and he gallantly takes up the cudgels for his mother State thus : "Arkansas is one of the

greatest American States. Her soil has been baptised with the blood of heroes ; and the pages of her history record deeds of valour and of progress and achievement. Arkansas has more miles of navigable water than any State in the American union. From the diamond fields of Arkansas are mined gems of rarest rays serene. Along the gurgling streams of Arkansas, blushing maidens with dishevelled hair and uncovered feet, gather pearls of priceless lustre. Fay Hempstead, Free Masonry's crowned Poet Laureate, is Arkansas' native son. Arkansas boasts of Mammoth Spring, the largest on the yet explored globe. The curative waters of the world-famed Hot Springs of Arkansas are Nature's gift for the healing of the nations." And more which we have not space to quote.

Durand Whipple, Little Rock, Grand High Priest.
John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.

California.

Although the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of California at its 62nd Annual Convocation held in the Masonic Temple, San Francisco, on the 18th April, 1916, fill a volume of goodly size and are presented with great care and orderliness by the very efficient Grand Secretary, we can find in them nothing to quote and little to comment upon. It may be stated that harmony and prosperity prevail ; that the constituent Chapters are doing good work under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, R.E. Comp. Henry Ascroft, assisted by a corps of Deputy Grand Lecturers ; and that the business affairs of Grand Chapter are well managed. The principal event of the year 1915 was, of course, the assembling of the delegates to the General Grand Chapter at the Triennial Convocation held in San Francisco in September of that year. The Grand Chapter of California entertained the delegates handsomely, $8,000 being appropriated for expenses ; the money was well managed and was not all spent ; sufficient was used to make a hole in the Grand Treasurer's visible surplus, but no California Royal Craftsman will regret it—particularly as there still remains a handsome sum in the treasury. The Grand Chapter

holds sway over 107 active Chapters, with 13,608 members, and a gain of 142 in one year is shewn.

The address of Grand High Priest William Gaynor (portrait, but no biographical sketch, which we regret, for he looks like a man of mark) is admirable as a business record, but it contains nothing of interest to the Royal Craft abroad unless it be the statement that he visited 60 of the constituent Chapters during his year—and that, all will agree, was doing well.

The veteran Companion William Abraham Davies (Grand Secretary Emeritus) has written a readable review of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, of 48 State Grand Chapters, and of 6 British Chapters, one being Canada.

Casimir Jackson Wood, Masonic Temple, San Francisco, Grand High Priest.

Thomas Abraham Davies, Masonic Temple, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

Colorado.

The Colorado record for the year ending with the 42nd Annual Convocation, held at Denver on the 21st September, 1916, being uneventful, requires but brief notice.

There is prosperity and harmony—a good balance in the bank and investments as well ; an increase in membership ; and active work by the Grand High Priest and other Grand Officers.

There are 47 subordinate Chapters, and the Grand High Priest visited all of them—a great year's work for a busy man, a physician in active practice at Colorado Springs. The total number of members of all the Chapters is 5,742, shewing an increase of 208 in one year. It was said that the membership was not increasing as rapidly as might be expected from the large growth in the Blue Lodges of the State—that the percentage of Master Masons who went on to the Chapter was not as great as it was some years ago. There seem to be grounds, however, for expecting a very considerable increase in the coming year.

The Grand High Priest who presided at the 42nd Annual Convocation, and who has already been referred to, was M.E. Comp. William A. Campbell. In his address he says, speaking of his year in the Grand East : "It has been a delightful experience to one who has mingled devotedly with the crippled and sick during the active period of his life. In making my visitations over the States I have travelled more than 5,000 miles. I have gained a knowledge of the physical conditions of the State and its wide-awake citizens that I never had before. The grandeur of our mountain scenery, the immensity of our peaks, wearing their eternal caps of snow, the beauty of the interlacing valleys with their flowing streams and picturesque lakes, bring us very near to the Great Architect and inspire our hearts to seek Truth."

The Grand High Priest for the present year was elected and installed—M.E. Companion James Rumney Killian, a man in the prime of life, a distinguished lawyer, and a public-spirited citizen. His portrait and a biographical sketch occupy a prominent position in the volume of proceedings. "In his present exalted position," says his biographer, "as the head of Capitular Masonry in Colorada, the Royal Art is in safe keeping. He reveres its tradition, its ideals are his ideals, its honour he will treasure as his own ; conservative, he will see to it that nothing shall mar the purity of its record or detract one iota from the splendid legacy, the rich fruitage of forty years of wise and watchful guardianship, that has been placed in his hands. Knowing him and trusting him, we feel sure that the Royal Craft will receive an added lustre and a purer fame through his wise guidance and Masonic skill."

The good seed sown by Grand High Priest Campbell in his complete round of the Chapters will doubtless germinate and mature under the able and powerful administration of Grand High Priest Killian.

The Annual Review of Proceedings of Capitular Grand Bodies includes 51 jurisdictions. M.E. Comp. Ernest Le Neve Foster, the veteran reviewer, is again at his post, and shews no abatement of vigour. The review is an excellent one ; Canada is one of the 51

honoured. A good digest of decisions is added to the review ; Comp. Foster points out that "decisions are not so prevalent as they used to be."

James R. Killian, Denver, Grand High Priest.
Charles H. Jacobson, Denver, Grand Secretary.

Columbia (District of.)

A middle-aged Grand Chapter, small and compact. There are 13 subordinate Chapters, all in the limits of one city, Washington ; these have an aggregate membership of 3,552 ; and a net loss of 28 in the year 1915 was shewn. The 49th Annual Convocation was held at the Masonic Temple, Washington, on the 9th February, 1916. The General Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. George Edgar Corson, himself a Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, was received and honoured. The Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Lem. Towers jun., referred in his address to the decrease in membership, which he did not regard as discouraging. "There are many reasons," he said, "for the loss in membership, and, while that loss is to be regretted, I feel confident, from the renewed interest in the work displayed in all the Chapters since the beginning of January, that the year 1916 will shew a large increase in our members and a corresponding increase in the interest taken in Capitular Masonry." In financial resources a slight increase was reported, but the surplus is not a large one. To provide for the expenses of the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, to be held in Washington in October, 1918, it is suggested that "an assessment of $2 per capita be levied upon the several Chapters of the jurisdiction."

"The Capitular World—Doings of the various Grand Chapters—Report of the Committee on Correspondence—Here it is ! We've done our best ! Now do your worst !" Thus does the genial and witty Companion Roe Fulkerson begin his review. Throughout he keeps up a flow of spirits which, in the somewhat depressing surroundings of the reviewer's table, is marvellous. Incidentally he reveals that he is young as members of the Round Table go, having been born as late as 1870. He is on the road to the Grand East,

being at present Grand Master of the Second Veil. In the volume before us it is spelled "Vail." It seems an opportune moment to inquire why this spelling is adopted. A "vail," as we understand it, is a parting present or tip to a servant—probably a corruption of *vale*. A "veil" is—we need not explain what it is, but we think it is what Comp. Fulkerson is Grand Master of. Not pausing for a reply, we go on to his conclusion, merely interjecting that Canada, 1915, receives favourable consideration at his hands. The aforesaid conclusion, being both witty and wise, we quote almost in full :—

"There ! It is finished ! We caught ourselves saying this with a sigh of relief as our fingers pounded out the last word of this report. Yet, was it a sigh of relief ? We believe not. There is no doubt that each one of these reports grows more difficult to write. There are fewer and fewer new things each year. We are less and less able to instruct, annoy, or entertain now than we were when we first took up this work. We were fresh then—dozens of grey-bearded Companions of the jurisdiction told us so when they read our first report. But without a knowledge of what the incoming Grand High Priest will do about appointing us, we will say that we should regret to lose the work, for it has been one of the greatest pleasures of our Masonic career.

"But to our finish ! Francis Thompson says :—

"' The fairest things have fleetest end :
"' Their scent survives their close ;
"' But the rose's scent is bitterness
"' To him that loved the rose !'

"So we hope that in our gladness of a task done is mingled some of your sadness that it is done."

William C. Fowler, M.D., Masonic Temple, Washington, Grand High Priest.

Arvine W. Johnston, Masonic Temple, Washington, Grand Secretary.

Connecticut.

Harmony and prosperity appear to reign in the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. A really ancient

Grand Chapter, it held its 119th Annual Convocation at Hartford on the 9th May, 1916. The usual address was given by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Harry S. Pearsons, but it contains nothing of more than local interest or importance. We make but one extract from it : "All of the Chapters visited give evidence of the true Masonic spirit of brotherly love, and vie one with the other to do honour to the visiting Grand Officer. An earnest desire to do good work is everywhere manifest and a striving to follow closely the standard ritual. Books of record and of marks are well kept and finances in a healthy condition. A collation after the work of the evening was over was the universal practice, and this part of the evening was always one of great enjoyment."

There are 40 Chapters on the roll ; the membership at the time of meeting was 9,776 ; and the net gain in a year, 297.

The Report on Correspondence by George A. Kies, P.G.H.P., is excellent reading. Comp. Kies is possessed of a lively spirit and a keen eye for interesting "bits." His graceful welcome of a new member of the corps of reviewers is highly appreciated.

Burton L. Tuttle, New Haven, Grand High Priest.
James McCormick, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

Delaware.

The printed proceedings before us are those of the 48th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, held at Wilmington on the 19th January, 1916. The Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Asa Bennett (portrait and biographical sketch), presided and delivered the usual address. It appears that, having been born in 1880, he is probably the youngest Grand High Priest in America. His address hardly calls for comment. He explained that, though this was only the 48th Annual Convocation, it was 99 years since Capitular Masonry had been introduced in Delaware. He refers to the war, gives a brief account of his stewardship, says that he visited all the subordinate Chapters and found peace and harmony ever

present and excellent work being done. The funds of the Grand Chapter, he notes, are low—the revenue hardly sufficient to meet the ordinary expenses. He recommends that the per capita tax be increased from 50 to 75 cents. This recommendation was not approved by the committee of the Grand High Priest's address and was not adopted.

The Grand Chapter is a small one : there appear to be only four active subordinate Chapters, with a membership of 1,222, the gain in a year being 53.

There is a report on correspondence, reviewing the 1915 proceedings of 26 Grand Chapters, of which Canada is one. The report sadly concludes : "We regret that our Report on Correspondence this year is limited to the review of such a small number of proceedings of sister jurisdictions. P.G.H.P. Virginius V. Harrison, who has been chairman of this committee for so many years, passed to the great beyond just previous to the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter. He had been ill for nearly a year, yet hoped to be able to review all the proceedings which we had received. We find, however, that he was not able to finish the work. We will endeavour this year to review not only the proceedings for 1916, but those which are omitted from our report for 1915." This is signed by J. Grant Wilkins and Elwood H. Brown.

John W. Macklem, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.

Stuart J. Horn, P.O. Box 94, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

England and Wales.

We have no report from the Grand Chapter ; but one has been sent to us of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, at Quarterly Communications held in August and November, 1915, and February and June, 1916. There appear to be Mark Master Masons' Lodges under this jurisdiction in many parts of the Empire and beyond its limits—such as in the Argentine Republic. Large sums are distributed in benevolence ; the chief concern at the Quarterly Communications was

the collection and distribution of these sums. We do not find anything of special interest to record.

H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Grand Master.

Arthur David Hansell, Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, Grand Secretary.

Florida.

The Seventieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Florida was held in the city of Jacksonville on the 16th and 17th May, 1916. Grand High Priest Will C. Andress presided and delivered an address. He made no official visits owing to business. There appear to be 36 subordinate Chapters ; total membership, 2,558 ; net gain in a year, 133.

There is no correspondence report, and nothing in the proceedings of interest to those outside the Grand Chapter. So far as appears, harmony and prosperity prevail.

William R. O'Neal, Orlando, Grand High Priest.
Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

Georgia.

"The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia met in the 94th Annual Convocation, in the Convocation Hall of Hotel Dempsey in the City of Macon, at 10 o'clock A.M., Wednesday, April 26, A.D. 1916, A.I. 2446, and was opened in Ample Form and with prayer by the Rev. W. A. Simmons, Grand Chaplain." Nearly all volumes of Grand Chapter proceedings begin in this impressive fashion. As we write the words we cannot help repeating them aloud for the sake of their sonorous dignity. How Mr. Micawber would have enjoyed the mouthing of them !

Grand High Priest H. Warner Hill presided and delivered the usual address. "I am happy to state," he said, "that peace and harmony prevail throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and, though many drawbacks have beset us in our work, the Craft are reasonably

prosperous, harmonious, and happy." Continuing, he records the death of William A. Wolihin, Grand Secretary since 1897, and a distinguished Mason.

The Grand High Priest is a Judge ; his portrait (prefacing the volume containing the proceedings) reveals a man of truly judicial type. He says : "I have made few visitations during the year. This has been a great disappointment to me, as I hoped to meet many of the Companions face to face and know them in the subordinate Chapters. But the inexorable demands upon my entire time by the State, in whose service I am, prevented my making the visits I had hoped." He was able (perhaps by grace of a merciful vacation) to represent his Grand Chapter at the meeting of the General Grand Chapter on the 1st and following days of September, 1915 ; he records his impressions of Pike's Peak and the hospitalities of the San Francisco Companions.

Other matters touched upon are the decisions given by the Grand High Priest upon moot points raised in the subordinate Chapters, the work of the Grand Lecturer, the Augusta (Georgia) fire sufferers, the Masonic War Relief Association, dispensations, and fraternal relations. The peroration, dealing with "Masonry in General," is a brilliant one. We cull one sentence : "The Masonry that lives, that has lived, and will live because of the fruit it has borne and is bearing, is the kind which is real and earnest in its influence for good upon those who come within its sphere."

The Grand Chapter is fairly prosperous. The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of $10,576.68, although the disbursements for the year exceeded the receipts—the surplus coming from the accumulations of previous years.

The Grand Secretary having died during the year, Comp. T. J. Carling, of Macon, was appointed to fill the office until Grand Chapter should meet. His report covers the whole year. It appears that there are 155 Chapters in the jurisdiction, with a total membership of 8,453, and a gain of 765 in a year.

The Grand Lecturer's report shews an undoubted revival of interest in the Chapters. Comp. E. A. McHan, Grand Lecturer, is a great worker ; he visited during the year more than 100 Chapters and travelled about 24,000 miles.

Comp. McHan was elected Grand Secretary and continued as Grand Lecturer.

The Report on Correspondence is signed by Comp. Charles L. Bass. He reviews the proceedings of 40 Grand Chapters ; Canada is not included, although New Brunswick is. The review is concise and readable. From the concluding remarks we quote : "The task has been, as usual, a pleasant one. However, there has been a monotony of goodwill and order—of peace and prosperity—that renders the Correspondence Report of necessity a chronicle of sameness."

J. F. Bell, Milledgeville, Grand High Priest.
E. A. McHan, Fairburn, Grand Secretary.

Idaho.

Another youthful and small Grand Chapter not without vigour and promise. Before us is a somewhat belated volume of the proceedings of the Seventh Annual Convocation, held at Idaho Falls on the 14th and 15th June, 1915. In the forefront is a portrait of Grand High Priest Henry Leimberger, who presided. In his address he says : "When elected to the highest office in your gift one year ago, it was in my heart and mind to visit every Chapter in this State ; but, as no provision had been made to meet the expense of my doing so, I was obliged to confine myself to such visitations as my means would afford. . . . I would urge at this time that you make some provision whereby the expenses of the Grand High Priest can be met when making his official visits to the Chapters." The Most Excellent did in fact visit many of the Chapters, and the others were visited by Grand Chapter Officers or Deputies. In the Report of the Committee on the Doings of Grand Officers, which report was adopted, we find this clause : "We endorse the action of the M.E. Grand High Priest in appointing

Deputies to visit Chapters in such portions of this Grand Jurisdiction as it was inconvenient for him to visit in person." The recommendation as to payment of expenses does not seem to have been adopted. The financial budget is a small one, but there appears to be a growing surplus—which it is doubtless wise to conserve. There are 18 chartered Chapters and one under dispensation, with a total membership of 1,339 on the 14th June, 1915, shewing a net gain of 80 in a year.

The Grand Secretary, R.E. Comp. Lewis W. Ensign, is also the Correspondence Scribe. He reviews the proceedings (nearly all 1914) of 46 Grand Chapters. Canada, 1914, received great attention. "Bennett's reviews," writes Comp. Ensign, "should be read from beginning to end by every Companion in our jurisdiction, as they are intelligent criticisms of American Capitular Masonry by an outsider." Comp. Ensign is a fair and conscientious reviewer, and is evidently a practised writer. His conclusion is well worth quoting: "Some doubts as to the value of Correspondence Reports have been raised. I wonder what benefit the Idaho Companions receive from the reviews. How many of you read them? Of course I appreciate that the right man has not yet been found in Idaho to write the review." (This we take leave to doubt). "French did good work, but he left us, so I again undertook the task. Could we find a real student of Masonry, willing to devote his time to the Review and able to present a Report worthy of our great State, I should be much more enthusiastic over the custom, and might be persuaded of its value to Idaho Companions. As long as I attempt the Review, I shall endeavour to give you the benefit of my best efforts, and trust you will find something of interest in the result."

Horton F. Kimball, Kellogg, Grand High Priest.
Lewis W. Ensign, Boise, Grand Secretary.

Illinois.

When the reviewer opens a volume of proceedings of a Grand Chapter, he perhaps takes a preliminary canter through it to see what the salient features are. Naturally his meat is found chiefly in the address of the

ruling officer—Grand High Priest or Grand First Principal—and in the appendix containing the output of his brother-scribes. The rest does not usually afford much material for the reviewer. Some interest indeed attaches to a biographical sketch of the incoming or outgoing Grand Ruler, and we should like to find one such in every volume. What manner of man is the ruler of a great jurisdiction is a legitimate subject of inquiry. One is interested at once if it appears that he is a leading man in a community—perhaps equally so if he is not—curiosity as to the reasons for his prominence in the Royal Craft and not elsewhere is aroused. In the first search through the Grand High Ruler's address, perhaps an allusion to "the Grim Reaper" is found, and the hasty conclusion is that the whole address is commonplace, *banal*. That would not be the proper inference in respect of the address of Grand High Priest Everett E. Turnbull at the 66th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, held at Chicago on the 28th and 29th October, 1915. "The Grim Reaper" is duly referred to ; but the rest of the address is by no means commonplace. The display of the United States flag in Chapter-rooms is commended, and the close connection of the Masonic Order with the government of the country in early days is traced. A new scheme for the inspection of Chapters is recommended, and, as we learn from the subsequent proceedings, adopted. The Grand High Priest is for progress. "Our young members," he says, "are insistently demanding an opportunity to invest their energy and talents in the service of our Chapters. Shall we grant their request, or shall we allow them to drift away and become active in other branches of Masonry ? Our prosperity as a Grand Chapter depends on our ability so to stimulate the local Chapters that they will take on added life and activity and lift themselves to a higher plane of usefulness. Companions, I believe the time is ripe for us to take another step forward in our effort to become the Premier Grand Chapter of the World."

The Most Excellent refers also to the George Washington National Memorial Association, the

Masonic War Relief Association, the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, and the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital.

We quote part of what is said about the hospital: "When Robert Miller thought it time to arrange for the disposal of his property, he went to his old friend Charles Shuman for advice. The result of this conference was that, in course of time, the Grand Lodge came into possession of a 264-acre farm, to be used for a Masonic Home. Soon afterwards, the Grand Lodge erected the buildings now in use, but in a few years the need of hospital facilities became imperative. Different plans were tried, but none proved feasible until, in 1913, the Grand Chapter voted the funds necessary to erect the present hospital. . . . The money and the unusual talent possessed by the members of the building committee have accomplished wonders. . . . The latest and best conveniences have been provided for every part of the building. . . . When the work was nearly completed, the president of the trustees of the Home invited the Grand Commander of Knights Templars and your Grand High Priest to meet with the trustees and devise plans for the dedication of the hospital. . . . It was decided to issue a general call to the Craft to assemble and assist in the dedication ceremonies. . . . The work was not far enough along to allow the meeting to be held much earlier than the 1st July (1915), so it was decided to celebrate Independence Day by holding the largest meeting in the history of the Craft in Illinois. . . . The brethren came in thousands. . . . More than half of the Chapters in the State were represented." The Home is at Sullivan, described as "a little city," in the State of Illinois.

The Grand Treasurer's report shews a balance of more than $13,000 on hand.

There are 211 active Chapters in the jurisdiction; total membership in 1915, 41,244; increase in a year, 1,997.

A new Grand High Priest was elected—Harry Warner Harvey (portrait and biographical sketch). We learn that he was born in Rainsboro, Ohio, in 1863;

that his early years were spent in Charlottesville, Virginia, where he received his education. In 1882, he removed to Chicago, where he now holds a responsible position with the Quaker Oats Company at its mills. "Even in a community where high Masonic ability, industry, and character are unusually prevalent, M.E. Comp. Harry Warner Harvey is a decidedly distinguished figure."

The Grand Secretary, R.E. Comp. George W. Warvelle, is also the Committee on Correspondence ; he presents his 14th Annual epistle. The arrangement of his report is different from that of other reviewers, and has distinct advantages. "Following my custom of years back," he says, "I pass without comment the voluminous details of the sessions that relate only to matters of temporary and local interest." The proceedings of 57 Grand bodies are reviewed. The sheep are separated from the goats—45 State Grand Chapters on the one side, and 12 British Grand Chapters on the other. Canada is one of the latter, and Comp. Warvelle's method may be illustrated by quoting his report on the doings of our own Grand Chapter :—"Canada, 1915. Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation at London, Feb. 24, 1915. The Grand Z. (D. F. MacWatt) reports that the war has affected both the finances and membership increase ; that the rebellion in Alberta has been crushed ; and that harmony again prevails in all parts of the Jurisdiction. Four new Chapters were organised. The district reports shew fair conditions and the returns exhibit a substantial increase in membership. The Committee on Capitular Masonry administer several front slaps and a few hind kicks to the 'irresponsible members' of some of the Grand Chapters who have assumed to voice their opinions relative to the Alberta matter. They are further reminded that the Grand Chapter of Canada is a 'Sovereign Body, controlling its own affairs,' and doesn't care a hooter if it is 'cut off from communication with some Grand Chapters in the United States.' Now, take that, you irresponsibles—and that to you—and *that* to you. The Correspondence Report is by the Grand Scribe E. (Secretary) Comp. Geo. J. Bennett,

but Illinois escaped him this year. I regret to learn that Comp. Bennett is in ill-health, and trust that when this shall meet his eye he will be fully restored to his old-time vigour." And that is all. It is worth quoting not only for its brevity but for its humour. The other Grand Chapters receive much the same kind of notice —some times alittle longer, sometimes even shorter. What remains to be said is contained in the Postscript, which Comp. Warvelle describes as "a few desultory observations upon this, that, and occasionally the other. To these I have added sundry bits of more or less valuable information, little excerpts from the writings of my congeners, and a lot of my own crude ideas." These remarks are arranged under heads, such as "Ritualistic Uniformity," "Tobacco," "Booze," "The Oldest Royal Arch Legend," "On Parnassus," "What is Good Standing ?" "Grand Representatives," "Territorial Jurisdiction." A shrewd and illuminating *causerie* ! There is also a "Conclusion" in which Comp. Warvelle makes even figures amusing. "Illinois," he says, "continues to compare favourably with its three great competitors in the Capitular Marathon." New York (remember this is 1915) has the largest membership, 40,368 ; Illinois comes next, with 39,260 ; Ohio has 37,184 ; and Pennsylvania 34,137. Illinois, it appears, is steadily gaining on New York ; and Ohio is treading on the heels of Illinois. Ohio shews the biggest gain. We are grateful to our pleasant contemporary for much instruction and entertainment.

Harry W. Harvey, Chicago, Grand High Priest.
George W. Warvelle, Chicago, Grand Secretary.

Indiana.

A perusal of the volume containing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Indiana at its 71st Annual Convocation discloses so much interesting and weighty matter that we feel compelled to write a review of more than ordinary length—and for that we offer no apology. The Convocation was held in Indianapolis on the 18th and 19th October, 1916. This was, it will be observed,

shortly after the special session of our Grand Chapter at which the terms of peace with the Alberta Grand Chapter were ratified. And Indiana's was, we think, the first Grand Chapter to receive a report upon the healing of the schism. That report was from the Committee on Correspondence, headed by M.E. Comp. Robert A. Woods, P.G.H.P. The committee was "pleased to announce that a peaceful settlement has been reached between the contending parties ; that notice thereof has been received from both Grand Chapters over the seals thereof, declaring that the difficulty existing between them has been harmoniously adjusted ; and that further notice from the Grand Chapter of Canada advises that it has recognised and received the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and desires that the best fraternal relationship shall be maintained between the Companions of both bodies. Therefore, this committee recommends that the Grand Chapter of Indiana extend fraternal recognition to the Grand Chapter of Alberta and that an interchange of representatives be solicited, trusting both now and always that the future of this new Grand Chapter may fulfill the hopes of the most sanguine of its adherents." The report was adopted. Further reference to the same matter is made by Comp. Woods in the conclusion of his review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters, thus : "It is cause for the supremest rejoicing that this difficulty has been so hastily and so amicably settled ; and, while we congratulate the Companions of Alberta on having secured that for which they contended, we at the same time congratulate the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada for their fraternal spirit and goodwill towards a wandering child and felicitate the Grand Zed for following the dictates of a generous heart and a princely disposition. And thus do we close the book on this incident."

The remaining paragraphs of the "conclusion" are so informing and so well-framed that we cannot refrain from quoting them also :—

"The Grand Chapter of Scotland, on the contrary, is of a stiff-necked and rebellious people, one that invades your territory and then expects you to see

eye to eye with it ; therefore, it is not surprising to find that no retractation has been made by it, but that rather it expects us to surrender a policy that is as old as our American institution itself. In view of such a position, we observe that the Grand Chapters of Connecticut, Missouri, New Mexico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, and Vermont have already severed fraternal relationship with that Grand Chapter, thus following in the wake of the General Grand Chapter. New York has made partial severance, to become complete next February in the event that Scotland does not withdraw from our territory. Naturally, other of our Grand Chapters will follow until the position of the Companions of the Scottish Constitution will be precarious. Only an unbending will save them.

"Otherwise the splendid Mosaic of Capitular Freemasonry is complete ; and, as we gaze at the beautiful parts that compose it, we lose sight of the bold flashes of individual colour and see only the harmonious blending of the whole. With this in mind, how can we think of the work of the year as other than satisfying and victorious ? And, with the record before us, we know that it is true. We have toiled and overcome, and ours shall be the reward.

"Many, perhaps all, of the reports, at one place or another, have spoken of the bitter war that is shaking the world to its centre, and have rejoiced that we are at peace. This phase has been purposely passed over in my review. War lets loose upon the earth the demon of carnage, hatred, and devastation ; but it also draws from their unseen abode the blessed angels of heroic sacrifice, divine compassion, universal pity and love for the dying and the bereaved. And so we leave the issues with God, knowing that He, in His own good time and according to his own divine purposes, will bring lasting good to the children of men."

Burning words and truly an heroic faith.

It may be noted that this Grand Chapter has severed relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

"Calvinistic" has perhaps become a synonym for "narrow." But we cannot believe that there is anything narrow in the faith of a good Mason. And so

we think that Calvin H. Ramsay, elected Grand High Priest at this Indiana Convocation, and Calvin W. Prather, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, while truly of the elect, hold no narrow doctrine on the subjects of election and predestination. The former, indeed, is of Scottish descent, as we judge from his name and his portrait prefacing the volume before us, and was a Presbyterian, as we learn from an interesting sketch of his life ; but he has become a member of the Congregational Church. Of him it is said that he has devoted much of his time to Masonry—none to politics. He is forty years of age ; was formerly engaged in manufacturing enterprises, in which he was very successful, and from which in 1909 he retired to live upon a farm, which he manages and operates. Not content with rural life alone, he studied for the Bar, and was called to it a month before his election as Grand High Priest. "Calvin H. Ramsay," writes his anonymous (though we suspect the other Calvin) biographer, "during his official career in the Grand Chapter has endeared himself to all the members because of his quiet, unassuming, yet withal forceful characteristics. His absolute and unquestioned integrity among his friends and neighbours is remarked by all who know him. His administration of the affairs of Grand Chapter will be energetic, and there is no doubt but that his activities will be felt in the grand jurisdiction most effectively."

From the address of M.E. Comp. Leon T. Leach, the retiring Grand High Priest, we quote this tribute to the Grand Secretary, Calvin W. Prather : "A former Grand High Priest referred to him as a 'fountain of wisdom.' He is all of that, but has other flowing veins—he has discovered and appropriated the fountain of youth, and has a deep current of friendship and love for the Companions about him."

The characterisation of the Seats of the Mighty—the Past Grand High Priests—as the "Amen Corner" is a neat touch.

Sorrowful reference is made to the death on the 9th January, 1916, of M.E. Comp. Daniel McDonald, the oldest but one Past Grand High Priest of the

Indiana jurisdiction. "It may truthfully be said of him that he was a courageous editor, a faithful servant of the people in public life, a diligent student, and an acknowledged authority on Masonic law in this jurisdiction."

The Convocation was graced by a visit from the General Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. George E. Corson, who delivered an eloquent and inspiring address.

There are 119 chartered Chapters and 3 under dispensation ; total number of members on the 1st January, 1916, 19,519 ; net increase in membership, 815.

A prosperous, well-organised, and well-officered Grand Body.

We have already referred to the Correspondence Report of Comp. Woods. Much more might be said in its praise. The introduction is as spirited as the conclusion : "The wine-press in the Capitular vineyard has been trod for the sixth time ; and the product, sparkling perforce at times, dull and unattractive at others, is here offered for entertainment and profit. Drain it to the dregs ; it will refresh and invigorate, for it is the very life of a very strong and growing vine. I would fain have made it more palatable, but it is savory enough for your good if you will but suffer yourself to partake. So, here's to your good health, and the ingrafting of a wider knowledge of the Craft ! "

Canada, 1916, receives a good deal of attention, chiefly in relation to the Alberta affair. Comp. Woods, whilst regretting the retirement of our beloved George Bennett, gives a kindly and genial welcome to his inadequate successor.

Calvin H. Ramsay, Angola, Grand High Priest.

Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

Ireland.

The portrait of a handsome Irishman, M.E. Comp. W. Redfern Kelly, District First Principal of Antrim, is the first object to strike the eye on opening the Report for 1915 of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland. The Stated Convocations of the Grand

Chapter are held in Freemasons' Hall on the first Wednesday in the months of February, May, July, and November. The Grand Officers, in order of rank, are : Grand King, Deputy Grand King, Grand High Priest, Grand Chief Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Registrar, Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of Host, Grand Superintendent of the Tabernacle, Grand Royal Arch Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Scarlet Veil, Grand Captain of the Purple Veil, Grand Captain of the Blue Veil, Grand Chaplain, Registrars Grand Chapter of Instruction. The Grand Chapter exercises jurisdiction in South Africa, New South Wales, and New Zealand, as well as in Ireland.

The Report of the Grand Registrar for the year 1915 is the main item of the general report. It is said therein that from a financial standpoint the year 1914 was a record one in the history of Royal Arch Masonry. "Unfortunately, the devastating war which is affecting all institutions of the country has caused a shrinkage in our activities for 1915, but at the same time we have every reason to congratulate ourselves on the comparative prosperity of the Order."

Lord Muskerry is the Grand King ; and to him, it is said, the heartfelt sympathy of his Companions "was universally expressed in his double bereavement in two successive months during the past year. In June, his youngest son, a promising young officer in the Royal Navy, lost his life in the explosion on H.M.S. 'Irene ;' and, in July, his amiable and devoted wife, the Lady Muskerry, died quite suddenly at Springfield Castle."

The next matter of interest mentioned was the constitution of "Royal Down" Chapter, No. 207, in Ballymacarrett, under the District Grand Chapter of Down.

The death of M.E. Comp. George H. Miller, Grand Royal Arch Captain, was sincerely regretted by his fellow Grand Officers, and was a loss to the Province of Meath, of which he was Provincial Deputy Grand Master.

A special grant of one hundred guineas was passed by Grand Chapter at the February Convocation to the

special building fund of the Masonic Female Orphan School—this was in addition to the established grants made annually to The Masonic Charities.

We note that the Royal Craft is strong in Belfast, where there are 47 Chapters.

Lord Muskerry, Grand King.

H. E. Flavelle, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, Grand Registrar.

Kansas.

The 51st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Kansas was held in the city of Topeka on the 14th and 15th February, 1916. M.E. Comp. John W. Neilson, Grand High Priest, presided and delivered an interesting address, from which we quote :—

"It seems almost incredible that over half a century has passed since a handful of zealous Companions from Atchison, Leavenworth, and Fort Scott, met at Leavenworth and launched into existence the Grand Chapter of Kansas.

"How little these pioneers realised at that time what their efforts would bring forth, and that from the 3 Chapters represented at that first Convocation would grow an organisation of 94 Chapters, with more than 10,500 members. All of those who were present at that first meeting have crossed the river.

"Erasmus T. Carr, who held the office of Grand Secretary from the organisation of the Grand Chapter in 1866 to 1877, died in Glendale, California, on the 12th May, 1915, at the age of 90 years. Bro. Carr also served as Grand Priest in 1879, and by his death we have lost the last member connected with the organisation of this Grand Chapter."

In conclusion the Grand High Priest says :—

"My work is nearly finished. Remember that only the results are reported. The real work is never done amidst enthusiastic surroundings. Those who have travelled the same path can read between the lines and appreciate that portion which cannot be put into words nor figures represent.

"Our organisation brings together in a common interest men who otherwise might be far apart in life, while it endeavours to make dominant the desire to labour for the building of the temple of humanity. Only in a symbolic sense do we fashion the stones from the quarry for the foundation, walls, and capstone. We hew the stones for the building of the temple of mankind by upright living and a steady adherence to lofty ideals.

"It is our common duty to labour unceasingly for the betterment of the present and future race by contributing only perfect stones for our temple."

The Grand High Priest's portrait is well to front in the volume of proceedings ; and a brief biographical sketch is appended. Comp. Neilson was born in 1871, and is of Scottish ancestry on his father's side. He is the leading druggist in the city of Concordia, Kansas, and holds the confidence and respect of the entire community.

"Our retiring Grand High Priest," says his anonymous biographer, "has such a personal repugnance to publicity that it has been extremely difficult to obtain facts for this sketch ; but this we do know, that his domestic life is ideal and that he is extremely happy in it. What higher tribute can we give the man ? Comp. Neilson is a friend that one can 'grapple to his heart with hooks of steel.' He is loyal, generous, unselfish, as all can testify who know him. He has been an indefatigable worker in the cause of Masonry and a valuable man in all the Grand Bodies of Kansas."

Kansas has 95 chartered Chapters and 10,144 members ; net gain in one year, 423.

Prosperity and harmony abound.

Matthew M. Miller, P.G.H.P., presents the Report on Correspondence—an excellent summary of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters of the United States and some of the British Dominions, Canada being *pars magna.* Some interesting statistics accompany the report. It appears that there is a United States Capitular membership of 469,655.

John Powers, Marion, Grand High Priest.

Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

Kentucky.

The printed volume of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky at its 98th Annual Convocation, held in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, on the 19th and 20th October, 1915, did not come to hand in time to be noticed in the report presented to our Grand Chapter in February, 1916 ; it is now before us, and we have found interest and derived benefit from perusing it.

Grand High Priest W. Rhodes Shackleford presided, and delivered an address of considerable length. He assured the assembled Companions that peace and harmony prevailed and that progress had been made.

His next reference was, naturally, to the loss which Grand Chapter had sustained by the death of Warren Larue Thomas, Past Grand High Priest, at Tucson, Arizona, on the 23rd November, 1914, at the age of 69. "Handsome in person, genial and kindly in disposition, easy and cordial in manner, with a keen sense of humour, he quickly won the favour of all with whom he came in contact, and was deservedly popular with a wide circle of friends, not confined to Kentucky, and with none more than his brothers in the Mystic Tie." He was Grand High Priest in 1880, and Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States in 1895.

"Official Inspections" was the next topic introduced ; and we think that Companions outside the Grand Chapter of Kentucky may be interested in learning what took place after the adoption of the report of the Committee on Inspections in 1914—referred to under "Kentucky," on p. XXVII. of the Appendix to the proceedings of our own Grand Chapter for 1916. The Committee recommended the consolidation of the "judicial district visitations and inspections, at least for the coming year," and this was adopted. Now coming to 1915, we find the Grand High Priest saying : "The proceedings of the Grand Chapter presented a very much confused state of affairs as to what character of inspection of subordinate Chapters was intended to be had this year. Following as far as possible the

contradictory resolutions, I issued a circular, appointing inspecting officers in the various judicial districts, and designating places where the inspections were to be held. "Under the system used this year, work was inspected at 30 Chapters ; 13 Chapters reported to the inspecting officer at the district inspection ; 25 Chapters reported by mail to the inspecting officer or to the Grand Secretary ; and 44 Chapters were not inspected and failed to make report. The expense was only $163.72, as against $1,167.52 in the previous year." There appears to have been a good deal of discussion both in committee and in open Grand Chapter. In the end Grand Chapter adopted a report recommending that the Grand High Priest appoint a special committee, consisting of five members, "to formulate a plan for inspection and visitation, and to report back to the Grand Chapter at the next Convocation."

The Grand Chapter is financially strong ; but did not in 1915 add to its surplus. The expense of sending a delegation to San Francisco, when the General Grand Chapter met there, was of course large, though the appropriation was not exhausted ; and a large payment was made—an annual payment, it appears—to the Old Masons' Home. There are 112 chartered Chapters and one under dispensation. The total membership is 9,829 ; and the net gain in a year was 219.

The Committee on "Doings of Other Grand Chapters" submitted its annual report, through Comp. W. W. Clarke, a painstaking and efficient reviewer. Canada (1915) is honoured with an extended notice. After quoting R.E. Comp. Bennett's introduction to *his* report, E. Comp. Clarke says : "We believe that there can be little doubt that megalomania in agravated form lay at the bottom of the horrible and unnecessary devastation that is now wasting so much of the world ; and it is unnecessary to name the megalomaniac." Quite as unnecessary in Kentucky as in Canada, we are well assured. Comp. Clarke is, like the present writer, a fresh man on the job. He writes in an easy and natural style and with becoming modesty, to illustrate which, as well as for the intrinsic merit of it, his "Conclusion" is quoted in full : "The foregoing

report, reviewing the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, is submitted with the realisation that it is not all that could be desired in such a report ; but, as a matter of fact, necessary routine work characterised the Annual Convocations of most Grand Chapters. Scotland still persists in the dog-in-the-manger attitude to some of the Australian Grand Chapters, and the time seems to be approaching when coercion by other Grand Chapters in fraternal correspondence with them should be resorted to. The European conflict is allotted a caption in many Grand High Priests' addresses, and is referred to at greater or less length in most correspondents' reports, but usually with that repression of feeling and charity that should characterise the utterances of Masons where brethren are engaged on both sides. Our readers will miss the delightful imagery, the rythmic periods, the liquid diction of our predecessor, Past Grand High Priest G. Allison Holland. Jurist, poet, litterateur, he is gifted above most of his fellows. We realise our own limitations."

We note that Comp. Holland is the reviewer for 1916. Apparently he desired to be relieved for one year only.

The foregoing remarks relate solely to the 1915 proceedings. We have now before use, however, a communication from the Kentucky Grand Secretary stating that the 99th Annual Convocation was held at Louisville on the 17th and 18th October, 1916, and we hope to hear more of it before long. It may be well to mention in this place that at the 1915 Convocation John W. Juett (a virile personality by his portrait), of Eminence, was elected and installed M.E. Grand High Priest. The deeds that he wrought will, no doubt, be duly chronicled in the record of the proceedings of 1916, when issued.

The record was duly received early in January, after the remarks above had been penned.

Grand High Priest Juett made a very interesting and businesslike address, from which we quote : "There are many things about the office of Grand High Priest that grow irksome, but, in the matter of personal visitations, the pleasure derived makes one forget all

the work and worry." He visited several of the Chapters and saw work in all.

He also visited the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, and reported it in splendid condition and the pride of every Mason in Kentucky. The Old Masons' Home was visited too ; he found it in good condition and the guests looking healthy and happy. Only two deaths had occurred in the preceding year.

The system of inspection of Chapters temporarily adopted was the judicial district method, which the Grand High Priest regarded as a failure. The special committee on inspections and visitations recommended "that the Grand High Priest-elect appoint twelve Inspectors, giving each Inspector one congressional district up to and including the tenth district, but, on account of the vast area of the eleventh district, that he appoint two Inspectors for that district, making it the duty of those Inspectors, so far as possible, each to make the inspection in the district assigned to him ; but, if for any good cause the Inspector finds it inconvenient to make the inspection, he may appoint a deputy to inspect certain Chapters, and the deputy will make his report to the Inspector of the congressional district." Provisions for remuneration and expenses of the Inspectors were embodied in the report, which was adopted.

The Grand High Priest congratulated the Grand Chapters of Canada and Alberta upon having amicably settled their differences, and recommended that the Grand Chapter of Alberta be recognised by the Grand Chapter of Kentucky. The recommendation was favourably reported on and adopted.

Relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland were severed.

Preparations were made for the fitting celebration in 1917 of the centennial of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.

The number of Chapters is the same as in the previous year, and there appears to have been a gain of 2 in the total number of members.

The doings of Grand Chapters for the year ending the 14th October, 1916, are, as was anticipated, re-

viewed by Past Grand High Priest G. Allison Holland. He has much to say about Canada, with kind words of praise for his co-labourer in the reviewing vineyard. With others, he rejoices in the settlement of the Alberta difficulty.

"Masonry to-day," he says in conclusion, "as always, opens the door of life and spiritual philosophy to the unlearned in its mysteries. He who seeks the solution of its problems is happy if he succeeds, and the great millions of mankind, whether waiting at the door or prospecting for the future, await its balm and blessing. It is ready to give food and drink to the hungry and thirsty, succour to the needy, and a helping hand along life's pathway to the worthy Brother and Companion."

George B. Wilson, Carrolton, Grand High Priest.

Howard R. French, Mount Sterling, Grand Secretary.

Louisiana

The Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana was organized in 1813. It was a chamber in the Grand Lodge, whose officers were ex officio the officers of the Grand Chapter. It was declared extinct by the General Grand Chapter of the United States in 1844. Its last Convocation was held in 1850, when its Chapters went under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana, which was organised on the 1st May, 1848, under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. An historical note to this effect is found in the printed proceedings for 1916. A Grand Chapter dating even from 1848 has a respectable antiquity ; but an 1813 origin makes it venerable.

The 69th (dating from 1848) Annual Grand Convocation was held on the 8th and 9th February, 1916, at New Orleans. The Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. H. F. Grimm, in his address, after welcoming the members, referred to the death, on the 6th December, 1915, of M.E. Comp. Richard Lambert, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, saying that the deceased was prominently connected with all of the Masonic organisations. The Committee

on Necrology referred to him as "Uncle Dick," gave his age as 87, and stated that no Mason occupied a warmer place in the affections of the Craft. This is really all that is said of one of whose life we should like to have learned more. The tribute to his memory is, however, a touching one.

The Grand Chapter is not one of the large ones, but it is increasing rapidly. In our report of last year we noted that there were 38 constituent Chapters, with a total membership of 3,698. There appear to be now 43 Chapters, with a membership of 4,095—a net gain of 397.

The Grand High Priest was active in visiting, and stated that benefit had accrued from his visits. He recommended that the jurisdiction should be divided into districts with a District Deputy Grand High Priest in charge of each. We do not find anything further in the proceedings relating to this matter.

Prosperity and harmony prevail—there is a comfortable surplus in the treasury, and no grievances or appeals were heard of.

There is some mystery about the Report on Foreign Correspondence. Comp. Herman C. Duncan, P.G.H.P., was the reviewer for 21 years; his excellent report of 1915 was noticed in our own report of 1916. In the body of the proceedings we find him signing as chairman a brief report of the Committee on Representatives to and from other Grand Chapters; and we find that the Committee appointed for the coming years consists of Comps. Duncan, Purser, and Allen; but the secret of the authorship of the report contained in the 1916 proceedings is well kept. The writer is not Comp. Duncan; for the report—curiously enough when we look to the end and find no signature—begins: "I am presenting to you my first report as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. It is needless for me to offer apologies for any deficiency, as your own judgment recognises how impossible it is for a novice to measure up to a master. My work is open to criticism; such as it is, I present it only as the material demonstration of my sense of duty. Called upon at the time of Comp. Duncan's critical illness to

assume a portion of the labour which he has so devotedly performed for 20 years, I have answered the call of my superior and now lay before you the fruit of my obedience." The anonymous and modest scribe is too modest. His report is good reading. Canada, 1915, receives a fair share of attention.

Solomon Levy, New Orleans, Grand High Priest.
John A. Davilla, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

Maine.

In our review of last year we lamented that we had not received, among others, any report of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maine for 1915. The appearance of the volume containing the proceedings was delayed for a considerable time, apparently because the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was not ready ; and the volume was finally issued with only a fragment of the report. Comp. William D. Patterson is the committee, and he apparently took up the Chapters alphabetically, but got only as far as Kansas. From Alabama to Kansas there are 19 Chapters—and those are noticed, Canada (1914) among them. The Grand Secretary appends to the report this note dated the 31st December, 1915 (the Convocation was on the 4th and 5th May): "Kansas was the last received in the spring, and I have waited in vain for the conclusion of the report. Comp. Patterson does admirable work and he is altogether lovely, so that I regret to miss the remainder, but the calls for the proceedings are so insistent that I cannot wait longer. Comp. Patterson is still hoping to find time to complete his work ; but, after a sleepless night of thought, I have concluded that, at the end of the year, "Hop on, hop over," is better than "Hope on, hope ever." We agree that Comp. Patterson's work is admirable and its incompleteness is no concern of ours except in so far as our pleasure and profit are limited. We comment upon the situation because it is, to say the least, unusual.

Having thus begun with the appendix, we proceed to say that the 90th Annual Convocation was held at Portland on the days aforesaid. M.E. Comp. Wallace

N. Price Grand High Priest, presided, and was re-elected. In his address he deplores the deaths of Past Grand Treasurer Leander Webster Fobes, Past Grand High Priest Charles Irving Collamore, and Past Grand Scribe Alfred Sanders Kimball. The condition of the Royal Craft in the jurisdiction is satisfactory. The Grand High Priest says : "Conditions throughout this jurisdiction are very much the same as reported during the past few years. Reports of the visiting officers shew that the year has not been phenomenal in any way, but one of steady growth. Many of the Chapters have taken a new lease of life, interest is being instilled therein, and we should be greatly encouraged by the results, bearing in mind that 'the race is not always to the swift, but to the strong.' Thorough proficiency in the ritualistic work and conversance with the history and meaning of the lessons to be imparted will cause greater interest to be manifested in the Chapters. There is no danger of Chapters going to sleep and the members becoming inactive when the High Priest is energetic and well informed regarding the work. Harmony prevails, and I see no reason why the present state of prosperity should not continue."

The Maine Grand Chapter, our near neighbour, in some respects resembles our own. There are District Deputies, whose reports occupy, as ours do, a good deal of space in the printed proceedings ; and the principal Grand Officers apparently are re-elected (a custom, not a law) for a second term.

We find 63 subordinate Chapters, 10,536 members —net gain in a year, 179—finances flourishing.

The next Annual Convocation was fixed for the 2nd May, 1916. Writing now at the end of December, 1916, we have heard nothing of it. We trust that our brother scribe is not again at fault.

Wallace N. Price, Richmond, Grand High Priest.
Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Maryland.

The record for 1916 is the same as for 1915. No book or booklet containing the proceedings is issued,

but information as to them is afforded by a circular letter sent out by the Grand Secretary. From this we learn that the 119th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland was held at the Masonic Temple in the city of Baltimore on the 23rd November, 1916; that new officers were elected and installed; and that there are 24 Chapters with an aggregate membership of 4,268, and a net increase of 135 in a year.

Emmet L. Pettit, Laurel, Grand High Priest.

John H. Miller, Masonic Temple, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

Massachusetts.

We have before us two volumes of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts—for 1914 and 1915. The Grand Chapter was instituted in 1798; it was, therefore, the 116th Annual Convocation that was held in Boston on the 8th December, 1914. M.E. Comp. Eugene A. Holton, Grand High Priest, presided and read an address in which, among other demises, he referred to the death of M.E. Comp. Harry Hunt, who was born in Birmingham, England, on the 18th September, 1846, and died in Wyoming, Massachusetts, on the 7th January, 1914; he was Grand High Priest in 1905-1907. Comp. Hunt had a singular devotion to Masonry, and his greatest love was for the Capitular Rite. He is also described as having an almost passionate love of truth. He was a brass-founder, the head of a foundry in Boston, and lived at Melrose, with which place he was largely identified in his Masonic life.

There are quarterly Convocations in Massachusetts, and the proceedings thereat are also contained in the printed volumes. The statistical tables shew 82 Chapters; membership at the end of 1914, 24,703; gain in a year, 541.

In nearly every volume of proceedings of State Grand Chapters we find some report of the Order of High Priesthood, but we seldom have occasion to refer to it. In the case of Massachusetts, however, it is stated in the minutes of the proceedings at the Annual Assembly of the Massachusetts Convention of High

Priests, on the 10th March, 1914, that at the conclusion of an address by the president, "All joined in singing 'The Sweet Bye and Bye,' in remembrance of our deceased Companions." It is probably an annual custom, for the same record is in the proceedings of 1915. Our United States brethren are full of sentiment; but perhaps collectively they lack a sense of humour. Imagine about a hundred men of mature years getting upon their hind legs and fervently singing such silly balderdash—in Boston of all places—and then solemnly recording it in the minutes !

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Ex. Comp. Frederick T. Comee, his third review. Canada, 1914, comes in for a large share of attention. Comp. Comee is a most industrious and conscientious reviewer ; his interest in what he reads and digests never flags ; and he expresses his own views with clearness and vigour. His conclusion is worthy of all praise—it should be read, but it is too long to quote.

The 117th Annual Convocation was held in Boston on the 7th December, 1915. M.E. Comp. Eugene A. Holton, Grand High Priest, again presided, and again read an address, which, the record says, "was listened to with closest attention." These wise and weighty words were among those uttered by the Most Excellent : "In this age of push and hurry, with so much going on outside to attract, most organisations, including Masonry and the Church, suffer from the lack of attendance of its members. In this jurisdiction in the last year, on the official visitation of the District Deputy Grand High Priest, which should be one of the most important meetings of the year, there was an average attendance of but 16 per cent. of the membership. I realise that it is a difficult matter for a presiding officer to remedy this condition of affairs, but much can be done by giving a correct and dignified rendition of the ritual and using all legitimate means to make the meetings attractive to the members."

During the year 1915, a new Chapter was added, making 83, and the membership grew to 25,096 ; net gain in a year, 393.

The financial statement is highly satisfactory.

In the introduction to his fourth annual review (Report on Foreign Correspondence), Comp. Comee has this to say—and it is well worth saying : "I understand the primary object of this report is to give the Companions of this jurisdiction a broader and clearer understanding of the laws, customs, and transactions of other Capitular jurisdictions. The reviews will be made with the kindest of feelings towards each of them, with no intention of criticising their acts, and with an earnest desire to advance the interests of Capitular Masonry. In this spirit I shall compare the laws and customs of other jurisdictions with our own, hoping that we may adopt any improvement they may suggest ; and, if I call attention to opportunities for improvement in any other jurisdiction, I trust it will be received as the friendly expression of one who has, with the Companions of that jurisdiction, a common interest in the welfare of our Order." In reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada, 1915, much attention is naturally given to the Alberta difficulty, then at its height. If the controversy were still alive—thank God it is not—we could not do better than quote Comp. Comee's shrewd remarks upon it. His report for 1916 is awaited with pleasant anticipation.

Arthur H. Prince, 108 Merrimack Street, Lowell, Grand High Priest.

J. Gilman Waite, Masonic Temple, Room 209, Boston, Grand Secretary.

Michigan.

A striking portrait of M.E. Comp. Albert J. Young, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan for 1915-16, is the frontispiece of the volume containing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter at its 68th Annual Convocation, held at the city of Battle Creek on the 16th and 17th May, 1916. The accompanying biographical sketch says that Comp. Young "is one of the Masons of our State who has progressed rapidly along the lines of Masonic preferment and reached the top rounds of success without injuring the sensitiveness of a

single individual nor trespassing upon the rights of others." The City of Escanaba is his place of abode, and he there conducts a "clothing and shoe business."

In the Grand High Priest's address at this Convocation, he refers to the death on the 2nd March, 1916, of Past Grand High Priest Charlie Gay, "which occurred in his home city of Big Rapids. . . . He was intimately associated with the business interests of his adopted city, and for over 50 years was one of the editors and proprietors of the Big Rapids 'Pioneer,' a daily and weekly paper. . . . Running the 'Pioneer' was his vocation, and for many years Masonry was his avocation." He was born in 1837 and was Grand High Priest in 1897.

Other matters covered by the address are the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, the George Washington National Masonic Memorial, Grand Chapter Benevolence, and domestic affairs generally.

There are 155 constituent Chapters ; membership, 24,833 ; net gain in 1915, 807.

The reports of the Grand Secretary (the famous Charles A. Conover) and of Horace S. Maynard, Grand Lecturer, are very interesting ; they travel beyond the mere routine of work.

"Charlie Conover"—he seems to be affectionately known to all Masons—is the sole author and compiler of "The Annual Review of Capitular Masonry." By way of introduction he gives a "History of the Origin of the Royal Arch," from an address delivered by Comp. J. L. Carson, at the opening of the Valley Royal Arch School of Instruction, at Elkton, Virginia, on the 7th July, 1915 ; but he does not fail to make some humorous references to "a nice fresh pail of paste" and putting the "long-bladed shears on the grindstone." The 1916 review is the 14th "tackled" by the learned and versatile Charlie. Canada, 1915, receives unusual attention—the great length of the notice is due principally to the Alberta difficulty, now happily a thing of the past. The whole report or review—57 Grand Chapters are included—is interesting and instructive.

Robert H. Hunt, 1459 Second Avenue, Detroit, Grand High Priest.

Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.

Minnesota.

The report of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota at its 54th Annual Convocation, held at St. Paul on the 12th October, 1915, is a particularly businesslike one. We were impressed by the same thing when we had the 1914 proceedings before us last year ; this year we were even more impressed. Nothing is missing from the proceedings, but they come within a very small compass—116 pages, to be precise. Not a word is wasted. The Foreign Correspondence section begins, "Your Committee on foreign correspondence has received and examined the following proceedings." That is the whole introduction, and there is no conclusion. The proceedings of 53 Grand Chapters are carefully and ably reviewed by R.E. Comp. Irving Todd ; he misses nothing apparently, but is conciseness itself. The same thing may be said of the Grand High Priest's address and of the reports of the Grand Officers.

By the way, the presiding Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Benjamin A. Phillips, is a handsome and intellectual man, if we may judge from the portrait which prefaces the volume before us. In his address, he says : "As we are assembled here to-day in this country of peace and plenty, we cannot forget those who at this very hour lie in the trenches, knowing not but that next hour may be the last, nor those who stand sentinel on blood-soaked ground, nor those who lie in pain and in the agonies of death." He then refers to the death of Past Deputy Grand High Priest William S. Combs, "one of the pioneers of Masonry in Minnesota. Loved and respected by all during the many years he walked with us, Comp. Combs died on the 25th March, 1915, in St. Paul."

The year was one of progress. A new Chapter was chartered and constituted, and a charter for one under dispensation was recommended. This brings the total

number of active Chapters up to 75 ; the membership was reported at 9,496 ; and the net gain in a year was 287. Financial prosperity is also marked.

Both Alberta and Canada (1915) are noticed in the correspondence report, already referred to. Under "Canada," Comp. Todd writes prophetically: "The Alberta unpleasantness undoubtedly will be healed in due course of time. Loyalty to one's country is essentially a Masonic virtue, and our Companions at the north responded nobly to the urgent appeals for men and food and money. Minor differences are soon forgotten in the great common cause."

At this 1915 Convocation, James R. Morton, of Winona, was elected and installed Grand High Priest, and no doubt served in that high office until the Convocation held at St. Paul on the 14th October, 1916, whereat, as we learn from a circular recently received by our Grand Scribe E., new officers were elected. The circular also states that the membership had in the year 1915-16 increased to 9,894.

Trevanion W. Hugo, Duluth, Grand High Priest.
John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Mississippi.

"John James McIntosh was born in Medford, Ontario, Canada, on the 20th May, 1864. . . . He was educated in the Public Schools of Ontario and is a lumberman and banker." He was elected Grand High Priest at the 68th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, held in Greenville on the 17th February, 1916 ; and on opening the volume of proceedings we find his portrait and a brief sketch of his life, beginning with the words quoted. We be brethren indeed !

The address of the retiring Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Clarence S. Cullens, notes the death in November, 1915, of Past Grand High Priest William A. Bodenhamer, who was 75 years old and "was a gallant and courageous member of General Tucker's brigade in the army of the Confederacy" during the Civil war, and was dangerously wounded in the battle

of Chickamauga, so that he was never able to go back into service. After the war, he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1868. He was elected and served as Mayor of Okolona twenty-eight consecutive years. . . . His name has always stood for all that was good, pure, and upright in the walks of life."

Of the general state of the Craft the Grand High Priest says: "This has been a prosperous year for Royal Arch Masonry in the State; there have been no dissensions; the work has progressed in a satisfactory way; and improvements in conditions and the ability of the subordinate Chapters to do the work has been marked."

The Most Excellent also records a special visit which he made to the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home of the State. He found the 119 children "as bright and happy as heart could wish."

The Grand Lecturer, William H. Whitaker, submits a report from which we quote: "With few exceptions the Chapters are doing nicely. . . . In some parts of the State, some of the Chapters have done very little and some no work during the year. This, in a measure, can be accounted for in various ways. In the Coast Chapters they have done no work because of depression in the lumber trade; in the boll weevil districts they have done little work on account of the weevil and no funds. Another cause . . . this was a political year, and . . . some folks think more of politics than they do of Masonry."

From a statistical summary prepared by the Grand Secretary, we learn that there are 73 Chapters on the roll; one was chartered during 1915; but the charters of two were arrested. The total membership of all the Chapters is 4,272; net loss in a year, 144.

Past Grand High Priest Oliver Lee McKay, who represented Mississippi at the meeting of the General Grand Chapter in September, 1915, submitted an interesting report of the proceedings thereat.

Comp. McKay is also the author of the Report on Foreign Correspondence; his review includes the proceedings of 56 Grand Chapters. Canada, 1915, is one of the 56, and receives extended and favourable notice.

The whole report, if we may be allowed to say so, is excellent both in form and substance.

John J. McIntosh, Moss Point, Grand High Priest.

Frederick Gordon Speed, Vicksburg, Grand Secretary.

Missouri.

The 70th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Missouri was held at Kansas City on the 25th and 26th April, 1916. There is little to interest the Royal Craft outside of Missouri in the proceedings as printed in a neat volume of 127 pages with an appendix of 136 pages. M.E. Comp. Olaf A. Lucas, Grand High Priest, presided and delivered an address of businesslike character. A portrait and a sketch of his life are contained in the proceedings. We learn that he belongs to the legal fraternity and is or was Judge of a Circuit Court. His address is a model one from the business standpoint—terse and lucid to a degree. He regrets that his vocation or avocation is of so arduous a nature as to debar him from making many visits. He dwells on the almost entirely satisfactory state of the subordinate Chapters, the progress made, and the prevailing harmony. "Masonry is judged," he says, "by the world at large, by the character of its memberships. They are, or should be, as individuals, foremost in everything that makes for the best in our social and political life. . . . At the close of this meeting I turn over the gavel of authority to another. May it never be rapped to quell disorder, but ever represent the power for good and brotherly love that this splendid institution may wield."

In this jurisdiction there are 107 chartered Chapters and one under dispensation ; the total membership on the 31st December, 1915, was 15,237 ; and the net gain in a year, 534.

The appendix contains the Report on Foreign Correspondence—an able and painstaking review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters of the World, by the Rev. Comp. John Henderson Miller, of Kansas City.

George T. Burnham, Milan, Missouri, Grand High Priest.

Robert F. Stevenson, 510 Pine Street, St. Louis, Missouri, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska.

From the opening words of the address of Grand High Priest Burt L. Spellman, at the 49th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, held at Omaha on the 15th December, 1915, this is extracted : "We have the greatest cause to be thankful of any people on the face of the earth today. While our sister Republic, Mexico, is still suffering from her civil strife, and misery and poverty are her portion, and nearly all the countries of Europe are in a titanic struggle, costing them thousands of precious lives and billions of wealth, we are enjoying peace and prosperity as never before." And this : "The past year has been one of unusual activity in Capitular Masonry, and the Chapters throughout our Grand Jurisdiction, with but few exceptions, are in a flourishing condition ; our fraternal relations with all other Grand Jurisdictions are most cordial." The Grand High Priest went on to speak of the fraternal dead. Five Past Grand High Priests of Nebraska had died during 1915—an extraordinary record. Their passing was deplored in fitting terms.

The domestic concerns of a Grand Chapter are often of small interest to outsiders, but there are two other matters in the Grand High Priest's address which seem worthy of attention. One referred to a fund set apart by Grand Chapter to pay travelling expenses and a per diem allowance to the Grand Lecturer in respect of his visits to subordinate Chapters. Apparently, a visit was not to be made except upon request of a Chapter. In a circular sent out to the Chapters, the Grand High Priest offered to accompany the Grand Lecturer on his visits. The curious thing is that the Chapters did not respond. The Most Excellent records his surprise "at the very few who expressed a willingness to have the Grand Officers visit them." Eight Chapters appear to have been visited by the Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer together ; one by the Grand Lecturer

alone ; and four by the Grand High Priest alone. Nebraska has 54 active Chapters. This seems rather a serious matter.

The portion of the Grand High Priest's address relating to Foreign Correspondence raises a question which every reviewer must have asked himself. For a number of years the Nebraska report had been prepared by M.E. Comp. Charles J. Phelps, one of the five Past Grand High Priests who died in 1915. The review for 1915 was written by M.E. Comp. Frank E. Bullard, at the request of the Grand High Priest. To it reference will be made below. The Grand High Priest takes the opportunity of a vacancy in the office to suggest that the entire subject of reviews should be considered by the Grand Chapter. "If they are to be continued," he says, "the Companion who writes them ought to have some idea as to what the Grand Chapter wants. The length of the report and what it is to contain might be part of the subject worthy of your consideration." In spite of the circumstance that no action appears to have been taken by the Grand Chapter upon this suggestion, it may prove fruitful in Nebraska and elsewhere.

The Grand High Priest in his address refers to the Nebraska Masonic Home and the coming celebration of the Grand Chapter's Semi-Centennial.

The Grand Treasurer's report shews a very respectable surplus in the treasury. The Grand Secretary's report gives interesting figures and details in regard to the Masonic Home. The aggregate membership of the 54 active chartered Chapters is given as 5,105, and the net gain in a year as 166.

Comp. Bullard's Report on Correspondence runs to 60 pages and reviews the proceedings of 43 Grand Chapters, of which Canada, 1915, is one. It is to be hoped that Comp. Bullard will be continued as reviewer. He exercises a sound judgment in his selection of matter, and his comments are just and sensible.

Chauncey L. Wattles, Neligh, Grand High Priest.

Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

New Brunswick.

We have received two small volumes containing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick for 1915 and 1916.

The 28th Annual Convocation was held in St. John on the 7th April, 1915. M.E. Comp. Herbert E. Gould, Grand High Priest, presided, and delivered an address in which he referred to the war and gave an account of his official acts. The 8 Chapters had, at the date mentioned, 921 members, shewing a net gain of 52 in a year. R.E. Comp. Percy W. Wetmore was elected and installed as Grand High Priest. There is no correspondence report.

At the 29th Annual Convocation, held in St. John on the 26th April, 1916, Grand High Priest Wetmore presided. He wore khaki as Captain of the Composite Siege Battery. He delivered an address, which is not printed in the proceedings. The Chapters are still 8 in number, but the total membership is reduced by 2.

Le Baron Wilson, 76 Germain Street, St. John, Grand High Priest.

J. Twining Hartt, Ritchie's Building, St. John, Grand Secretary.

New Hampshire.

Joseph Emerson Knight was Grand High Priest of the New Hampshire Grand Chapter for two consecutive years, 1914-15 and 1915-16. At the 97th Annual Convocation, held in Concord on the 16th May, 1916, his Deputy, Edward Oren Fifield, was elected and installed in his stead.

The volume containing the record of the proceedings at this Convocation is prefaced by a portrait of M.E. Comp. Knight, but we looked in vain for a brief biography.

The address of the retiring Grand High Priest dealt with matters of local importance only.

There are 26 constituent Chapters on the roll ; total membership, 4,599 ; increase in a year, 47.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is again written by E. Comp. The Revd. J. L. Seward, and,

needless to say, is an excellent review of the work of the Grand Chapters, including the General Grand Chapter of the United States. Alberta and Canada, 1915, both receive notice, and something is said about the position of the former, which is now of merely historic interest, but is well worth reading. We quote Comp. Seward's conclusion, which commends itself and needs no praise from us :—

"Again, we have been silently, but with no little difficulty, around the Capitular world. We have met many old friends among the Grand High Priests and Correspondents. We have found them debating many of the old questions ; but, little by little, unwise rules and regulations are being replaced by saner constitutions ; little by little, extreme and unreasonable interpretations of landmarks, or of customs which were never landmarks, are giving place to a more spiritual and enlightened interpretation. Railroading candidates is a custom that is very rapidly disappearing. The habit lingers in only three or four jurisdictions to any extent. Dependent membership has become almost a universal requirement. It is every day becoming easier for gentlemen of high intellectual attainments to enter the Order, notwithstanding physical imperfections that were once considered an inseparable obstacle to such advancement.

"We find our Companions in many parts of the world clothed in the habiliments of mourning, in consequence of the havoc wrought by the terrible conflict now raging in Europe. We found altars draped in mourning. We found official stations filled with substitute officers, serving for those who had gone to the front and into the trenches.

"It made us all the more profoundly grateful that we are at peace with all the world, although we are virtually threatened by a neighbouring nation, and relations are somewhat strained with others across the sea. God grant that we may be spared any serious encounter, and that some way out of this horror may soon be found which shall be honourable alike to all concerned.

"Whenever such a peace is established, its basis will be upon those foundations which form the moral keystone of our beloved fraternity."

Edward Oren Fifield, Nashua, Grand High Priest.
Harry Morrison Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.

New Jersey.

Thoroughness would appear to be the watchword of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey. The volume now before us, containing the proceedings at the 60th Convocation, held in the city of Trenton on the 10th May, 1916, is proof of this. The contents of the volume are admirably arranged, and a perusal of the whole affords a clear idea of what is being done by the Royal Craft in New Jersey.

There are 41 chartered Chapters and two under dispensation, with a total membership of 7,917—net gain in a year 271. The Grand Treasurer's Report shews a comfortable surplus.

Grand High Priest Frederick J. Melvin presided over the Convocation. His first duty was to welcome the General Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. George E. Corson, who, assuming the gavel, made a felicitous address. It is too long to quote in full ; a brief extract must suffice : "The question of preparedness that is now agitating our people is as to our readiness to maintain the honour of our country and the integrity of its flag. Our great and magnificent army of the Royal Craft, upon whose banner is emblazoned friendship, union, zeal, and purity, is an army of peace and of goodwill towards the people of every nation and of every clime, and not an army of slaughter, of destruction, and of devastation. We as Royal Arch Masons advocate and practise in our weak human way brotherly love. . . . Though lovers of peace and haters of discord, we are not of those who are for peace at any price, but are for peace and honour, with our rights and liberties unimpaired, and our integrity undefiled. Thus should it be in the great moral warfare we as Royal Arch Masons are waging—waging for our brothers, our country, for humanity, and ourselves. We cannot

wage this war without due preparation ; it is the great mission of Masonry, and especially of Royal Arch Masonry, to prepare us—to fit us—for that warfare against the thousand and one evils that beset us on every hand to entice us from virtue's paths and the ways of righteousness. If successful in our contentions for the betterment of our fellow-men, for the good of society, and the welfare of our country, what do we receive as a reward for our labours ? Are we always actuated by that unselfish devotion and purpose which inspired those weary sojourners who came down from Babylon to Jerusalem to engage in a great and noble undertaking without the hope of fee or reward ? If so, great will be our reward, even here, regardless of what there may be for us in the Great Beyond. No greater joy or satisfaction can come to a man or Mason than the knowledge and consciousness of good deeds performed that have brought help and happiness to his fellow-men."

An efficient system of inspection and instruction appears to exist in New Jersey. The Grand Lecturer and Assistant Lecturers, working under the direction of a Ritual Committee of Grand Chapter, make up a corps of active instructors ; and the four principal Grand Officers divide the subordinate Chapters among them in such a way that each is visited every year by some one in authority. The result is satisfactory. The Grand High Priest in his address says : "At no time in the history of this Grand Chapter has more attention been devoted to the acquiring and dissemination of the standard work of the Chapter. Bi-monthly meetings of the Ritual Committee have been called by the very efficient Chairman, at which, under the watchful care of that officer and the Grand Lecturer, the esoteric work of the Capitular degrees has been carefully and faithfully rehearsed by the Assistant Lecturers, aided by some zealous members of the Craft, who have met with them in order to furnish incumbents for all of the stations."

The address of the Grand High Priest is professedly merely "a report of his official acts," and contains little of general interest.

The Foreign Correspondence Report is again written by Past Grand High Priest Henry S. Haines, who is also Grand Lecturer, and indeed apparently the permanent stand-by of Grand Chapter, for he is a member of most of the Committees, and with the Grand High Priest represented New Jersey at the San Francisco Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in September, 1915. Comp. Haines, under the head of Canada, is too flattering in his remarks in regard to our correspondence review for 1915. If we were to retort by praising *his* review now before us—which we might well do—possibly other members of the reviewers' corps would have something to say about mutual back-scratchings. Instead of praising, let us quote, from the opening and closing of his report, the following : "Among the many joys brought to us by succeeding years, not the least is that of again joining hands with those thoughtful Companions to whom has been committed the duty of epitomising the Capitular transactions of the twelve-month past, and presenting them to their constituents in a form best adapted to their profitable comprehension. This task, properly performed, although pleasant, is not a particularly easy one, requiring as it does, in him by whom it is undertaken, a superior faculty of observation, of deliberate and impartial judgment, and of conscientious and considerate criticism. The nearest approach to these ideals to which we can pretend will be found in our present modest offering, attended as it is with the sincerest hope that some word may be found therein to heighten our conception of the dignity and importance of Royal Arch Masonry, and to incite its votaries to a more diligent observance of its ennobling precepts."

"Freemasonry still moves on its upward march, more and more revered by thoughtful and contemplative minds, and less and less misled by the trivial lead of those who see in its sacred symbols naught but sign-boards pointing to the Tall Cedars or the Shrine. With truth as its foundation and with service as its watchword, it must and surely will keep pace with the noblest and most potential agencies for the social and moral elevation of mankind. Every application for

membership, when accepted, should be regarded as an enlistment in this worthy cause, imposing obligations to war against selfishness and vice, and to labour to extend the mystic tie of sympathy until it embraces all mankind, when universal peace shall prevail and virtue be established upon the throne of the world."

There is much meat in the review, which covers the proceedings of 55 Grand Chapters.

Frederick T. Crane, Orange, Grand High Priest.
Peter McGill, Bound Brook, Grand Secretary.

New Mexico.

There is little to record in this place in regard to the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico at its 18th Annual Convocation, held in the city of Albuquerque on the 14th October, 1915. The next Annual Convocation will be held at East Las Vegas ; and the Grand High Priest lives at Raton. The names are certainly picturesque — other places mentioned are : Santa Fe, Silver City, Rio Grande, Socorro, Penasco, Tucumcari —and there are still others. The proceedings make a neat little volume, a volume adorned with portraits of several of the Past Grand High Priests, the frontispiece being that of Amos W. Pollard, who presided as Grand High Priest over the proceedings of October, 1915, and installed his successor. The address of the Grand High Priest deals with domestic concerns ; no comment is necessary. We find 18 chartered Chapters —one of them weak, but not yet in the final throes— membership, 1,143 ; net gain in a year, 6.

Comp. James H. Wroth presents the Report on Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of 41 Grand Chapters. Both Canada and Alberta come in for a share. The review contains many shrewd comments and reflections, with a strong infusion of humour, and is well worth reading. In his concluding remarks Comp. Wroth expresses what we must consider an unnatural preference, thus : "I am a great deal more interested in laws than I am in anything else. The amount of money that a Chapter possesses doesn't interest me at

all ; that's a family affair. The decisions and rulings do; and, while there is not very much on the legal side to criticise, I want to bring to the brethren of New Mexico the laws of other jurisdictions." The rulings and decisions are upon the interpretation of written laws, whether made by the Grand Chapter or the subordinate bodies. It is necessary that they should be interpreted when doubt arises ; and recorded interpretations are of importance as precedents ; more than that we cannot concede. A Grand Chapter is not a Legislature nor a Court of Law. In a zeal for decisions there seems to us to lurk a danger of allowing what is strictly subsidiary to take the place of what is substantial and of first importance—namely, the welfare and progress of the Royal Craft.

The 19th Annual Convocation was held at East Las Vegas on the 12th October, 1916 ; and the 20th Annual Convocation will be held at Las Cruces on the 11th October, 1917. New officers were of course elected and installed in 1916, and a list of them has been furnished ; but the volume containing the proceedings has not yet been delivered.

Alexander D. Goldenberg, Tucumari, Grand High Priest.

Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

New York.

Not without trepidation we opened the large volume containing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York at its 119th Annual Convocation, held at Albany on the 1st and 2nd February, 1916. There are 331 pages, and they are large pages, but we found many of them covered with names and statistics ; the reading matter is not greater than in an ordinary volume.

The Convocation convened in the Masonic Temple on the north-west corner of Maiden lane and Lodge street, the historic spot so often spoken of. The reception by the Grand High Priest of distinguished visitors was a feature of the Convocation. Among them was the General Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp.

George E. Corson, of Washington, D.C., who was presented as the head and leader of the largest body of Masons in the world. He assumed the gavel and made an eloquent address, chiefly of a complimentary nature, but containing an earnest appeal on behalf of the Masonic War Relief Association ; a touching allusion to one who had recently passed away, "Christopher G. Fox, who served you as Grand Secretary for nearly half a century, also the General Grand Chapter in a like capacity for more than forty years ;" and this significant passage : "Patriotism, love of country, and love of home and kindred are not foreign to the teachings of Masonry. Let us, therefore, in these times of stress and apprehension, as loyal patriots as well as ardent Masons, be fully and adequately prepared for whatever emergency may arise, either within or without our Order."

The address of the Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Alfred A. Adams, was of businesslike character and unrhetorical. The following subjects were dealt with : Obituary, noticing the death, among many others, of Past Grand High Priest J. Harris Balston, of Brooklyn ; the Masonic War Relief Association ; Foreign Relations ; the 36th Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter ; the Grand Chapter of Scotland ; the suspension of Binghampton Chapter for invading the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania ; decisions ; visitations ; Grand Representatives ; and many others. It is an able and comprehensive report. From it we take a few fragments :—

"On my visit to Massena Chapter, No. 300, I was honoured by the presence of M.E. Comp. William S. R. Murch, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, whose attendance and expressions of goodwill furnished another manifestation of the happy relations that have always existed between this Grand Chapter and our neighbours on the north."

"Last February, I asked the Chapters which had not been visited by the Grand High Priest to invite me to visit them. The result was unsatisfactory. From the best information I could obtain, there were 77 Chapters out of the 208 in the jurisdiction that had

never seen a Grand High Priest since they were consecrated, and some of them were more than a hundred years old. In the sincere and strong belief that every Chapter in the State should be visited at least once a year, and that it is the duty of this Grand Chapter to see this done, I determined to make as many visits to the Chapters, particularly the weaker Chapters, those in the more remote parts of the State, those that had never been visited, as was possible for me, and I am glad to be able to report that I have visited 35 of these 77 Chapters. During the year, I have made 137 visits to Chapters, have visited 100 different Chapters in the State, in 47 counties, and 4 Grand Chapters."

"I am strongly of the opinion, which has been greatly emphasised during the past year, that the amendment to the Constitution providing for the districting of the State, and the appointment of a special corps of officers to undertake the duty, subject to the supervision of the Grand High Priest, of visiting each and every Chapter at least once a year, should be adopted."

"Although our membership is large and growing, our percentage of Royal Arch Masons to Master Masons in this State, based on the figures of 1914, is but 21.15, and in this respect, out of 49 Grand Chapters reported, New York ranks but 40th."

The report of the Grand Secretary shews the membership of the 208 chartered Chapters and one under dispensation to be 41,222 ; the increase during 1915 was 854.

The Grand Treasurer's report shews a large surplus.

The constitutional amendment alluded to by the Grand High Priest was rejected by a majority vote.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence is composed of Comp. Marvin I. Greenwood, of Newark ; Henry W. Root, of Buffalo ; and Elsworth J. Roberts, of Cobleskill.

The report is signed by Comp. Greenwood, and reviews the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter and of 48 State and Foreign Grand Chapters. The Grand Chapter of Canada is one of those noticed—the proceedings reviewed are of course those of 1915.

The number of Chapters under Canada's jurisdiction is correctly given as 171, but the number of members is put at 1,880—a printer's error for 18,880. New York is not the only Grand Chapter with a large membership. It would be presumption on our part to praise the report, but it deserves praise from some quarter which can properly accord it.

Jared A. Reed, Newark, N.Y., Grand High Priest.

Charles C. Hunt, Masonic Hall, New York, Grand Secretary.

New Zealand.

The 24th Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand was held in the Oceanic Masonic Hall, St. Kilda, Dunedin, on the 17th February, 1916 ; M.E. Comp. A. C. Andrews, Grand Z., presiding.

The main business was the reception and consideration of the Report of the Supreme Committee, which had held seven meetings during the year preceding the Annual Convocation. One new Chapter was consecrated during the year. No progress had been made in regard to settling the question of fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland. All questions of policy are carefully excluded from deliberation during the war.

There appear to be 35 Chapters ; total membership, 253 ; gain in a year, 20.

The Grand Z., his term of office expiring, made a neat valedictory address, in which he congratulated his immediate predecessor, M.E. Comp. J. J. Esson, Lieut. Col. in His Majesty's New Zealand forces on active service, who had been signally honoured by the King. A resolution was also passed by Grand Chapter expressive of "appreciation of the conduct and example of Comp. Esson in offering his services at an early stage of the war, and of the eminent services he has rendered, which have secured the distinction conferred by His Majesty the King, that of Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George."

New officers were elected and installed. The new Grand Z., M.E. Comp. T. Ross, made an admirable address.

The volume containing the proceedings is a small one. In addition to the matters already referred to, it contains the reports of the Grand Superintendent of Districts and the usual statistical tables. There is no correspondence report.

T. Ross, Dunedin, Grand First Principal.

Herbert J. Williams, Wellington, Grand Scribe Ezra.

North Carolina.

"It is indeed a great pleasure to welcome you to this the 68th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina. It is appropriate that we should meet in this beautiful city, this Queen City of North Carolina, where all branches of Masonry are flourishing and prosperous and where Masonic brotherhood and charity abound ; and to assemble in this magnificent Temple erected by our brethren is the realisation of a dream we have long had." So spoke Grand High Priest George S. Norfleet in the opening of his address at the aforesaid Convocation, held in Charlotte on the 9th and 10th May, 1916. The address of the Grand High Priest contains nothing else of general interest, unless it be the introduction of a word that is new to us and is perhaps not yet fully adopted into the North Carolina language, for we find it in quotation marks. Under the head of "Grand Lecturer and Inspections," he says : "It is hard for one man, even though he be our enthusiastic Grand Lecturer, to put enough "spizeringtum" into a bunch of Masons, in one night, to last a whole year." This mysterious word may be the modern symbol for the historic message sent by the Governor of North Carolina to the Governor of South Carolina.

The Grand Treasurer's report shews a growing surplus.

There appear to be 52 subordinate Chapters, with a total membership of 3,953—net gain in a year, 253.

The Correspondence Report is submitted by R.E. Comp. Leon Cash. He reviews the proceedings of

24 Grand Chapters, of which Canada is not one. In explanation let us quote his humorous conclusion: "We have not gone far afield. Being a zealous disciple of reciprocity, we have attempted to review only those grand jurisdictions which have reviewed us. Being also strictly neutral, we have visited no foreign fields, preferring in times of war and rumours of war to camp under our own vines and fig trees. The road has been long, the time short, but the journey pleasant. We have learned much, enjoyed much, and are thankful for many new acquaintances. We are glad to take the place of a newcomer and sit quietly as a wall-flower while the old hands get out their pencils and pronounce judgment."

H. E. Reid, Grand High Priest.

John B. Griggs, Elizabeth City, Grand Secretary.

North Dakota.

Laurence Gerard Moultrie, the 27th Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of North Dakota, is an interesting personality as revealed by his portrait and a biographical sketch prefacing the volume which contains the proceedings of that Grand Chapter at its 27th Annual Convocation, held at Fargo on the 21st and 22nd June, 1916. An Englishman by birth, he came to America before he was 21, and studied for the ministry in a Minnesota Divinity school. He became an active and successful clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church (we had almost written Church of England), and since 1899 has been rector of a parish at Valley City, North Dakota. His biographer says that he "is recognised as one of that city's most active and progressive citizens, devoted not only to the higher life of the community through his church, but interested in its commercial activities and as an alderman in its municipal government." He is also a very active Mason, holding office in various branches. Parson, alderman, Mason, soldier —for he is also Chaplain of the First North Dakota Infantry—and citizen, he is certainly a personage, a rare kind of Englishman, with American improvements and repairs. To quote his biographer once more: "It

is easy to believe that there are qualities of heart and mind in him that endear him to those who are fortunate enough to be associated closely with him. He is frank in manner and speech, clear-headed in thought and action, tolerant of the views of others and sincere in his own convictions, courteous and companionable in all his relations with his fellows. Of gentle breeding, he is a manly man, devoted to those things in life which make for honesty, decency, and righteousness."

In the Grand High Priest's address, he made a clear and concise statement of the business affairs of the organisation, and dwelt upon the harmony which prevailed and the material progress of the Grand Chapter. He did not stop there, but went on to speak of Service —"Service and sacrifice for the community, the nation, and the world, of which we, each of us, are a necessary and integral part. And so we are here to-day, not alone to transact the routine business of this branch of the greatest fraternal institution that the world has ever known, but to establish some landmark which may serve as a guide and inspiration to those who are not of us, by which they may be led to higher things, and from which they may gain inspiration along the way of life. It would be a great joy to me to see some action taken by this Grand Chapter along lines which are not distinctly Masonic ; and I have thought that it would be a splendid thing if we could start this year something along educational lines, as has been done for several years in the Grand Lodge, either in the establishing of some scholarship in one of the institutions of learning in our State, by which the necessary expenses of some deserving student may be cared for by this body, or in some other one of the many ways by which assistance could be given to some one who is seeking to prepare himself or herself for the work of the world." This broadly beneficent suggestion bore fruit in the establishment of a students' loan fund for the purpose of aiding deserving young people to secure an education. This was a generous act on the part of a comparatively small Grand Chapter.

Financially, the Grand Chapter is fairly prosperous, having a balance of more than $11,000 on hand. There

appear to be 23 chartered Chapters and one under dispensation. The aggregate membership is 2,885, the increase in a year being 69.

M.E. Comp. E. G. Guthrie, P.G.H.P., is the Fraternal Correspondent. His review is an excellent one. Every reader will concede that. The writer of *this* review, finding himself in accord with most of the opinions and criticisms of Comp. Guthrie, naturally admires his work ; but, in addition, desires to note the advantage of a crisp and incisive style of writing—a style which Comp. Guthrie has made his own.

Charles E. Best, Lisbon, Grand High Priest.

Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

Oklahoma.

On the 18th and 19th April, 1916, the 27th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Oklahoma was held at Oklahoma City ; and the proceedings are now before us in a printed volume of 164 pages, more than half whereof are devoted to the Foreign Correspondence Report.

This Grand Chapter is an interesting one. It is comparatively young and full of vigour—the pioneer spirit of enthusiasm is much in evidence.

M.E. Comp. Edgar Cook, Grand High Priest, whose portrait and brief biography are in the forefront of the volume, presided and delivered the usual address. According to custom, the Deputy Grand High Priest was elected to the higher office, and was duly installed.

Interesting topics, such as the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, the Masonic War Relief Association, and the laying of the corner-stone of the State Capitol on the 16th November, 1916, are touched on in the address of the Most Excellent.

The whole record is one of progress and uplift. There are 71 subordinate Chapters, with a total membership on the 31st December, 1915, of 5,655. The net increase in a year was 379.

The Grand Secretary, Comp. Leo. Edmond Bennett, is also the Committee on Foreign Correspondence ; he presents an able and exhaustive report.

James A. Scott, Muskogee, Grand High Priest.

Leo. Edmond Bennett, Muskogee, Grand Secretary.

Oregon.

From a biographical sketch, accompanied by a portrait, of M.E. Comp. Clyde Evans, we learn that he, owing to the untimely death of the Grand High Priest elected in June, 1914, rendered two full years of faithful service to the Grand Chapter as its head ; that he visited nearly all the constituent Chapters and rendered them valuable assistance in their work ; and that he demanded "a high standard both in ritualistic and constitutional observance which must leave its imprint upon Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction for many years to come." The address of Comp. Clyde, who presided at the 56th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, held at Albany, Oregon, on the 5th June, 1916, contains these concluding words, which may well be applied beyond the confines of Oregon : "It has been my desire and purpose to confirm strictly to the landmarks of the Craft and to do all in my power to promote the welfare of Capitular Masonry ; and I have endeavoured at all times to encourage the study of Masonic principles and the moral lessons taught thereby, to the end that Capitular Masonry might more fully fill its intended sphere by completing the work of the previous degrees, and not, as it has been in so many, many instances, a stepping-stone for the Commandery and Shrine. I desire to impress upon your minds in the strongest possible manner that the seriousness of our obligation must be given more consideration if our institution is to endure. I am inclined to believe that admission into our Order is too easily secured, and that we do not sufficiently impress upon those who enter the serious and sacred purposes of Masonry ; and, unless more attention is given to this side of Masonry, it is only a question of time until our organisation has fallen from the highest place to the level of other secret Orders."

The numbers of Chapters in the jurisdiction is 36 ; total membership at the end of 1915, 4,189 ; net gain in a year, 137.

M.E. Comp. Henry B. Thielsen is the author of the Report on Foreign Correspondence—his fifth. His

review of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters is careful and judicious. He refers to Scotland and Canada as "the only diseased spots in the Capitular world." Our own disease is happily healed ; but we may quote a pregnant paragraph anent Scotland : "Considering that the General Grand Chapter has suspended fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland on account of her invasion of the territory of the General Grand, in chartering Keystone Chapter at Manila in the Philippine Islands, it seems to us that the constituent Grand Chapters that form the General Grand should follow her example, as the Grand Chapter of Scotland will care little for the action of the General Grand if the majority of the Grand Chapters of the United States still continue to maintain fraternal relations with her."

From the pen of the same industrious Companion comes an account of the origin and history of the Order of High Priesthood, which is very interesting, but too long to quote.

Septimus S. Spencer, Eugene, Grand High Priest.
James F. Robinson, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Pennsylvania.

The Quarterly Communications of the Grand Chapter are strictly for business. The Annual Grand Communication for 1915 was held on the 27th December (St. John the Evangelist's Day), and was presided over by Porter W. Lowry, M.E. Grand High Priest, who, we note, was again elected and installed for another year's service. The Grand Chapter was instituted in 1795, and has therefore attained a ripe age. It does not acknowledge the sovereignty of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and has other distinctive marks to which reference has been made in previous notices.

Grand High Priest Lowry made an excellent address. "Peace and harmony," he said, "continue to reign within our jurisdiction, and the growing interest manifested in recent years in the work of teaching the Capitular Degrees throughout the jurisdiction has not

abated, while the in-coming year bears every indication of exceeding the past because of the tremendous increase in the material prosperity of the country, and material prosperity means much for the growth of Masonic bodies."

"No grand visitations have been made during the year. I am convinced that the time required and the money expended for a Grand Chapter visitation to half a dozen subordinate Chapters, taking the time of all of the Companions and all Grand Chapter Officers from their occupations and business, is not justified by the results attained. I am firmly of the opinion that the calling in of the officers of many subordinate Chapters to a common meeting-place, the rehearsal of the Capitular Degrees by the officers of the different Chapters under the supervision of some member or members of the Temple Capitular School of Instruction, where the work may be corrected and errors eradicated, is equally effective and far-reaching. The social features of these meetings are not the least to be considered, and they have proven very effective as a means and an opportunity for the Companions throughout the districts reached to become better acquainted, talking about the work and enjoying a delightful afternoon and evening. I hope during the coming year to plan for at least four such meetings in different parts of the jurisdiction."

The Grand High Priest, however, made many informal visits, and reported that the work done by the subordinate Chapters when he was present was well done. "The spirit of unity, fraternity, and brotherly love pervades all the Chapters, and a generous hospitality is displayed, which counts for much among the Companions."

Three new Chapters were constituted during the year. The aggregate membership is large, 35,961; there appear to be 138 Chapters and two Mark Lodges in the jurisdiction; net gain in 1915, 720. The invested fund of Grand Chapter is large and growing; it yields a considerable annual income.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is not, as in most Grand Chapters, the

work of one man. There are five members of the committee—William B. Meredith, P.G.H.P. ; A. G. Criswell Smith, P.G.H.P. ; Stockton Bates, Grand Secretary ; John M. Core ; and Walter T. Taggart—and the reviewing is divided among them. The introduction is by Comp. Meredith ; and he it is who reviews the proceedings of our own Grand Chapter for 1915. He says that the reports of the Grand Superintendents are important features of our proceedings, and to Canadian Companions of great value—in fact they are of interest to Masons generally.

The Grand Secretary contributes his full share of the reviews. He was present at the Grand Communication and signs the record of the proceedings ; but apparently he had not, as was intended, written the conclusion to the correspondence report ; he obtained leave to add it after the close of the Annual Communication. He was not spared to do so. The conclusion is by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Lowry ; for its simplicity and pathos it deserved to be given in full :—

"In perusing the "Conclusion" to the report of the Committee on Correspondence for 1914, our beloved Companion Stockton Bates, Grand Secretary, and for twenty years a member of the committee, in referring to the death of Comp. Winfield Scott Bell, Grand King, and Comp. Samuel McLaughlin, Grand Scribe, concluded with these words : 'And so, this year, we petition our Heavenly Father, if it be His will, that our ranks may be unbroken, and that the final word in closing the Correspondence Report for 1915 may not have to be penned under a burden of grief.' The work of preparing the material for the Grand Chapter report for 1915 had been completed and ready for the press except the 'Conclusion' to the report of the Committee on Correspondence, and this was to be written by Comp. Bates. But that One whom our companion had named 'Friend Death' stilled his hand and sealed his lips ; the 'Conclusion' must be penned by another, under the 'burden of grief' which our beloved Companion had prayed might be averted. Our ranks have been broken, but the command to 'close ranks' has

been given and answered all down the line. We shall miss our Companion Stockton Bates, and his going out from us has left many a heartache and a void which time alone may heal. Our tears mingle with those of the Companions whose hands have reached across the invisible line separating jurisdictions, and grasped the hand of Companion Stockton Bates, and with those who had met him face to face and carried on the work of correspondence for their respective Grand Chapters, and had learned to know and love this man of high ideals and sterling worth—this real Mason."

The Scribes of the Round Table, wheresoever dispersed, will join unanimously in this feeling tribute.

Porter W. Lowry, P.O. Box 328, Pa., Grand High Priest.

————————————, Grand Secretary.

Quebec.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec assembled in 39th Annual Convocation, in the Masonic Temple in Montreal, on the 22nd March, 1916. M.E. Comp. J. Alexander Cameron, I.P.G.Z., presided in lieu of the Grand First Principal, M.E. Comp. A. B. Wood, who was absent by reason of a death in his family. The address of the Grand Z. was read by the presiding dignitary. At the outset, the Grand Z propounded the question, "What real benefit does a person derive from devoting so much time to Freemasonry, and wherein lies its chief attraction ?" And he gave the answer in one word—"Friendship." quoting Ruskin : "Friendship is the nearest thing we know to religion. God is love, and to make religion akin to friendship is simply to give it the highest expression conceivable by man."

Among other deaths, the Grand Z. deplored that of M.E. Comp. Henry Edgar Channell, of Stanstead, Quebec, who occupied the principal chair in the years 1904 and 1905, and who died on the 6th June, 1915.

Reporting on the Condition of the Craft, the Grand Z says : "During the past year we have been working under a continuance of the unusual conditions caused

by the terrible war in which our country is engaged. Enlistment in the overseas forces has been steadily carried on throughout Canada with increasing vigour, and at the present time we have approximately 250,000 of our men under arms, including those at the front and the regiments in active training in England and at home. New regiments are constantly being formed, and it is proposed to increase Canada's quota of men to half a million. What this means to a country with a population of about 8,000,000 can readily be imagined. It is but natural that the growth of our Order should be impeded to a considerable extent in such circumstances. Those who enlist under our voluntary system are naturally among the very best blood which our country produces, the men from whom in normal times we look for additions to our ranks ; men who place the love of country before every selfish consideration ; men who are prepared to give up their lives to secure the maintenance of the principles of freedom and liberty for which the British Empire stands. As patriotic citizens we point with pride to the large number of the members of our Royal Craft who have enrolled themselves in the ranks of Canada's army ; and, while we cannot disguise the fact that many of our dearest friends will never return, we content ourselves with the thought that their lives will not have been spent in vain, that they have lived up to the highest ideals of Freemasonry, and in every sense of the words have 'played the game.' Owing to the conditions referred to, the number of applicants for admission to the Royal Craft has been substantially less than in former years, but it is gratifying to observe that the withdrawals and suspensions have also decreased. Taking everything into consideration, it is a matter of satisfaction that we are able to report a net increase in our membership of 21." There are 14 constituent Chapters, with a total membership of 1,680.

The Grand First Principal further reports : "The finances of Grand Chapter are also in a very satisfactory condition. Peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and the serious and substantial work

now being carried on by our Chapters is sure to bear fruit when we are again blessed with happier times."

M.E. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers, P.G.Z., Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Relations and Correspondence, submits an able review. Canada, 1915, receives due attention.

The volume of proceedings is so well put together, edited, and printed that the pleasure of reading it is more than doubled.

Dr. E. O. Dyer, Sutton, Grand Z.

Will H. Whyte, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

Rhode Island.

The Grand Chapter is not large but is prosperous. The Grand High Priest in his address at the 118th Annual Convocation, held in Freemasons Hall, Providence, on the 14th March, 1916, spoke as follows: "During the year, Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction has quietly but steadily advanced, and the returns as made by the subordinate Chapters . . . shew an increase in membership. Peace and harmony have prevailed in all quarters, and nothing has apparently come up to impede or hinder the craftsmen in their labours. . . . Nearly fifty per cent. of the Master Masons of this State have been exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason." In that respect Rhode Island heads the list of State Grand Chapters.

The Grand High Priest who spoke this was he who had been elected in 1915 and was retiring in 1916—Edward Mallory Wheeler, a descendant of Elder Brewster of Mayflower fame. A portrait and biographical sketch bring us into touch with this eminent Craftsman; and it is interesting to learn that, in addition to being a successful business man in Providence, a great worker in church affairs, and high up in all branches of the Order, he is a keen musician and a member of the Orpheus Quartette of Providence.

There are only eleven Chapters in the jurisdiction, but one of them has an immense membership, 2,198. The total membership is 4,803; increase in a year, 162.

Th Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is presented by M.E. Comp. S. Penrose Williams—a concise and able review. Canada, 1915, receives due attention.

Frederick E. Leonard, 93 Daniels Street, Pawtucket, Grand High Priest.

William R. Greene, Freemasons Hall, Providence, Grand Secretary.

Scotland.

We have before us the printed proceedings of the Quarterly Convocations of the Grand Chapter of Scotland held on the 17th December, 1915, the 3rd March, 1916, and the 16th June, 1916 ; also of meetings of the Supreme Grand Committee on the 18th February, 1916, the 20th March, 1916, and the 1st September, 1916.

The Annual Convocation apparently was not held —probably because of the war. Business is transacted at the Quarterlies.

The war of course overshadows everything in Scotland. Two interesting problems arose and were dealt with as follows :—

"A Principal of a Chapter, and an active member of it for years, being German by birth, has been interned. He applies for his diploma as a Principal, which is due for issue, on the ground that it is no fault of his own that he has been unable to attend and fulfil the duties of his office during a small portion of the full year. An essential principle of Scottish Masonry is that it excludes politics, though on the other hand it recognises that it is a Masonic offence for a member to actively participate" (the split infinitive is not ours) "in or support any act disloyal or inimical to the interests of the Empire, more especially when at war. It was held that no member could be expelled, suspended, or deprived of his rights as a Mason without a charge of unmasonic conduct being served upon him and proved, and that, in the absence of such, the Principal concerned was entitled to his diploma. The mere fact of internment is not a Masonic offence, and is not of itself any proof of disloyalty."

"A British subject, of German parentage, having joined a Scottish Chapter under his German name, has anglicised it. He now desires his diploma to be amended accordingly. It was held that so long as he changed his name properly according to the law of his domicile (i.e., if domiciled in Scotland, by due notification to all concerned, and it not being the adoption of a mere alias), he was entitled to an amendment of his registration and to the issue of an amended diploma (the previous one being given up for cancellation) on payment of the usual charges. The formal change of name should be certified by a declaration before a magistrate, and intimated to the Chapter, after which the usual application should be made through the Chapter for an amended diploma. It was, however, deemed essential that, either previously or simultaneously, the applicant must adopt the same or any necessary procedure to accomplish the same object before his Lodge, it being proper that the change should not be made in the Chapter unless also made in the Lodge."

A separate pamphlet, accompanying the proceedings, gives a good deal of statistical and other information about the Grand Chapter of Scotland. It is marked 1916-1917. In the forefront is a portrait of of the Earl of Cassilis, a typical Scot in the garb of old Gael, who is the Most Excellent First Grand Principal. The Depute First Grand Principal is Sir Robert K. Inches, a Privy Councillor.

The jurisdiction is a very large one, including Chapters in nearly all parts of the Empire and some outside the Empire. This we commented on last year.

Still another booklet contains provincial and special reports. The Report of the Grand Superintendent of Central South Africa, for instance, is followed by that of the Grand Superintendent of Lanarkshire (Middle Ward). The reports are of an encouraging nature. Good progress is being made in spite of the war.

The Earl of Cassilis, First Grand Principal.

Alfred A. Arbuthnot Murray, LL.B., 76 Queen Street, Edinburgh, Grand Scribe E.

South Carolina.

This Grand Chapter is an old one, dating from 1811. Its 105th Annual Grand Convocation was holden (the word most appropriately used) at the Masonic Temple, Charleston, on the 11th April, 1916. Grand High Priest George Twiggs Bryan, of Greenville, presided. The first note of the proceedings is a tragic one. A letter, dated the 8th April, 1916, coming from the Grand Treasurer, R.E. Comp. Charles Frank Jackson, was read, regretting his inability, for lack of physical strength, to be present; and this was followed by the news of his death, two days later, and on the very day before the assembling of the Excellent Companions. He was born in 1831, elected Grand Treasurer in 1858, and continued in that office ever since, a period of 58 years. This is surely a record service. A portrait of Comp. Jackson and one of his successor, R.E. Comp. J. Halsey Mallory, elected at this Convocation, adorn the volume containing the proceedings.

The Grand High Priest's address is little more than a business statement, and calls for no comment. We make one quotation: "It is indeed both pleasant and gratifying to report that peace and prosperity obtain throughout this entire jurisdiction. There is not one question of difference to be referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances for consideration."

There are 33 chartered Chapters and one under dispensation; total membership, 3,190; increase in a year, 18.

Past Grand High Priest James L. Michie, of Darlington, is again the writer of the Fraternal Correspondence Report. He reviews the proceedings of 56 Grand Chapters, all save Pennsylvania (1914) and New South Wales (1914) being of 1915. Canada is included, and a flattering reference is made to the work of our R.E. Comp. George J. Bennett. Comp. Michie is very strong in his disapproval of the Alberta schism, but that is now happily a dead issue. An excellent summary concludes the report. In it the reviewer takes a gallant stand against the custom prevailing in

certain of the Grand Chapters of electing Grand Officers in regular succession, promoting the senior appointed Grand Officer to the lowest elective office, and so on. His point is that these bodies have practically abnegated their elective functions ; and there is something in it. The custom is not followed in Canada. The appointed Grand Officers with us do not indeed generally offer themselves for election—it seems that appointments are not generally conferred upon men who are probable candidates for elective offices. The great contest every two years is for the office of Grand Third Principal. The man elected remains there for two years, then has two years as Grand Second Principal, and two as Grand First Principal. The other elected officers usually hold office for one year only and the Grand Third Principal is seldom chosen from among them. He is more likely to be one of the members of the Executive Committee. This is custom, not law. Of course the object in every case is to get the best men for the higher offices. We are inclined to agree with Comp. Michie that the custom which he berates is not likely to secure the best men.

We notice that at this Convocation all the Grand Officers of South Carolina were elected to serve another term with the exception of course of the Grand Treasurer.

This paragraph from the "conclusion" puts in a clear light a matter which is quite frequently referred to in the proceedings of the State Grand Chapters : "The action of Scotland in establishing a Chapter in the Philippine Islands, and maintaining it there against the protest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, has caused the latter, very reluctantly, to sever fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Auld Scotia. There is nothing left for the constituent members of the General Grand Chapter to do but to follow suit and break off all fraternal relations with Scotland. South Carolina took this action at its late Annual Convocation, and we hope its example will be followed by all the constituent members of the General Grand Chapter. The independent Grand Chapters

of Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia, as well as the Grand Chapters of the British Dependencies (quære, Colonies ?), should do likewise. In this way only, it appears to me, can Scotland be brought to her senses ; and, much as I regret it, I can see no other course open. If once the rank and file of our Scottish Companions thoroughly understand that they can visit no Royal Arch Chapters other than those of the Scottish Constitution, such a howl will be raised that Scotland will be obliged to capitulate."

George Twiggs Bryan, Greenville, Grand High Priest.

O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

South Dakota.

The reviewer retained a pleasant memory of this Grand Chapter from his experience of last year—a memory not effaced by a perusal of the neat volume containing the proceedings at the 27th Annual Convocation, held at Sioux Falls on the 9th June, 1916. Marcus Poznansky, the presiding Grand High Priest, is surely our ally ; of this we are the more convinced when we look upon his counterfeit presentment in the forefront of the volume. South Dakota, indeed, is strong in portraiture. The portraits of the correspondents or reviewers of most of the Grand Chapters are thrown in with the Correspondence Report.

There is nothing to be said about the Grand High Priest's address except that it was brief and business-like.

There are 37 subordinate Chapters, with 3,705 members ; net gain in a year, 141. Finances are in good shape—surplus slightly increased. Harmony prevails.

The Convocation being held in June, some of the proceedings reviewed by M.E. Comp. Louis G. Levoy in his wise and witty report, are those of 1916, but most of them are 1915. Canada is of the 1916 class, our valued Grand Scribe Ezra having issued his volume with commendable promptness. Comp. Levoy welcomes the present reviewer to the Round Table with

kind words, and does not forget to express his sympathy for our afflicted Companion, George J. Bennett, "whose work is of the best that comes to our table."

John A. Cleaver, Sioux Falls, Grand High Priest.
George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

Tennessee.

The Grand Chapter of Tennessee is not numerically strong—there are 86 Chapters on the roll, but only 5,745 members ; a net gain of 60 in the year 1915 was reported at the 87th Annual Convocation, held at Nashville on the 24th and 25th January, 1916. Grand High Priest Samuel Worthington Williams presided, delivered an eloquent address, and saw installed as his successor the Deputy Grand High Priest, Philip Neely Matlock. From a brief biography accompanying a portrait of Comp. Matlock, we learn that he was born in Tennessee in 1844, that he is a physician, that he fought in the Confederate army and was thrice wounded, and that he is a distinguished Mason in many branches.

M.E. Comp. Williams, in the address referred to, said that, to his mind, the most terse, and yet the most comprehensive, definition of Masonry was Service—"Service to God ; service to those about us in life, whether fortunate or unfortunate ; cheerful, willing, self-sacrificing Service to the children of men."

The death on the 26th March, 1915, of Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest John Berry Garrett, was feelingly referred to. "His prominence in all branches of Masonic labour, his sincerity of purpose, kindliness of mind and heart, and purity of life, endeared him to all who knew him." Two other Past Grand High Priests died in 1915—Junius Hobson and John Thomas Williamson. Suitable reference was made to their deeds and characters.

The Grand High Priest covered a great deal of ground in his address ; he gave an account of his visits to Chapters, which were numerous, and dealt with all the current topics in a masterly way. His earnest reference to the two Masonic Homes in Tennessee—the Widows and Orphans' Home and the Old Masons' Home—is most impressive.

Past Grand High Priest James H. McClister presents his 13th annual review of the proceedings of Grand Chapters, to the number of 50, Canada (1915) being one. "Capitular Masonry as a whole," writes Comp. McClister, "is flourishing. Scotland still persists in wanting the earth and a turnip patch in the moon. Canada seems to be slightly afflicted with the same disease. . . . We hope the Grand Chapter of Canada will soon withdraw the aspersions cast upon the Companions of Alberta and bid them God speed."

Philip N. Matlock, Union City, Grand High Priest.
Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

Texas.

More than ordinary interest attaches to the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Our well-beloved predecessor, R.E. Comp. George J. Bennett, in his 1915 review, wrote as follows of the action of Texas in severing fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland: "It remains to be seen if the ball kicked off by Texas will be assisted towards the objective goal by others who have hitherto only expressed an opinion. Scotland's position, to the transatlantic view, is untenable by reason of her claim to equal sovereignty—a claim indefensible from any standpoint except that of being earlier in the field, but not in sole possession. If the English and Irish Chapters are districted under respective Grand Superintendents in like manner, then the parent Grand bodies have the same right to make a similar claim to Scotland. Then what a chaotic condition would ensue! To avoid a Capitular Armageddon, Scotland will, it is hoped, fall into line, and thus the well-intended action of Texas will have attained its end. It does, however, seem odd to this Canadian that none of the Grand Chapters immediately affected has worked up courage to do what Texas has done in their behalf." The Scottish question, it appears, is no nearer settlement than before; but the General Grand Chapter of the United States, following the lead of Texas, has repudiated Scotland and all its works, and many of the State Grand Chapters have done likewise.

Texas is remarkable, too, in not professing allegiance to the aforesaid General Grand Chapter. We read in the ample volume of proceedings now before us—the proceedings at the 66th Annual Convocation, held in the city of Waco on the 6th December, 1915—that a committee has been or will be appointed by the General Grand High Priest, to visit the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and discuss with it all questions relating to the re-affiliation or re-alignment of the Texas Grand Chapter with the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Notable also is Texas on account of the large number of subordinate Chapters under the sway of the Grand Chapter. We quote from the report of the Grand Secretary : "Five demised Chapters have been re-organised and set to work, and four have been instituted under dispensations. Five Chapters have demised during the year, and the charter of one Chapter has been arrested. There are now 273 chartered Chapters on the roll and four Chapters working under dispensation—all of which have sent in their returns." The total membership in chartered Chapters is 20,502—net gain in a year, 543 ; in Chapters under dispensation, 183—net gain, 73.

The Grand High Priest is not well satisfied with these figures. He refers to them in connection with remarks (in his set address) on the subject of the Home for Aged Masons, at Arlington, Texas, which he justly terms "the pride of every Royal Arch Mason in Texas." He says : "I must call your attention to a state of affairs that is indeed alarming. In 1914 exalted 1,853 candidates and made a net gain of 1,132 ; while in the year just passed we exalted only 1,270 candidates and made a net gain of only 543"—perhaps 73 should be added. "More Chapters have demised during the last year than have been instituted ; and there are approximately 1,500 non-affiliated Royal Arch Masons in Texas. I believe we all agree that this cannot be attributed to depressed business conditions. We cannot carry forward this greatest work of Royal Arch Masonry in Texas while our Grand Institution is going backward. It therefore becomes this Grand Chapter

and its in-coming officers to deliberate upon this unfortunate condition of affairs, to the end if possible that an interest may be awakened, demised Chapters revived, non-affiliates induced to affiliate, inactive or dormant Chapters aroused from their lethargy before they fall into the column of the demised, and that this noble undertaking of the Royal Arch Masons of Texas may be carried to completion and stand a living witness of the zeal and fidelity of Royal Arch Masons of Texas, until time shall be no more." This was endorsed by the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports, in a report adopted by Grand Chapter. We shall look for progress in 1916.

The address of the Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Scott, was delivered in an unusual way. He was absent on account of illness, and his address was read by the Deputy Grand High Priest, William Madden Fry, who succeeded, by popular election, to the higher office. Comp. Scott, we learn from his address, had been seriously handicapped by illness throughout his whole year of office. Nevertheless, by the testimony of his co-labourers, he did valuable work ; and his address, dealing with such topics as the Masonic War Relief Fund, the Aged Masons' Home, already referred to, the rearrangement of the districts of the Grand Visitors (similar to our Grand Superintendents), and the death of an eminent Past Grand High Priest, B. F. Frymier, born in 1837, is in its way admirable.

The Annual Review of the Proceedings of Capitular Grand Bodies is by Comp. Carleton E. Mead—his third report. It opens thus : "Possibly a review of this nature might be more interesting to the Craft if some scheme, other than the time-worn one, followed so universally, of taking up the Jurisdictions in rotation and giving a synopsis of the annual proceedings, were adopted. We have often thought seriously of trying another plan. The most practical idea suggested was to handle the matter topically, and discuss the proceedings of the various Jurisdictions only as they related to the several topics. However, to read, digest, and collate sufficiently to get the necessary information would require more time than is at our disposal—and,

it may be, more gray matter also. Therefore, we come limping along with the procession in the same old path ; and, if there is a good deal of sameness, it is not our fault, but the fault, if it is a fault, of the Craft at large in all being so much alike. We have tried to tell what they did, and if they did not do it we could not tell it." The review comprehends 41 Chapters. To Canada (1915) a goodly space is allotted, and some discriminating approval given. Part of the conclusion of the report is also worth quoting : "After going in detail over the work of the Royal Craft for the past twelve months, we are able to report substantial progress. There has been a healthy increase in membership, only two jurisdictions shewing a net loss. Royal Arch Masons are realising more each year that they can accomplish much in charitable work, and that their duties in this direction did not stop at the Blue Lodge. Harmony exists among all Grand Bodies, except the old trouble engendered by our hard-headed Scottish friends in wanting to monopolise too much territory. . . . There is a note of sadness pervading the Masonic world on account of the bloody war raging across the sea. . . . True Masonic principles . . . if truly learned, would make war impossible. We have enjoyed our study of the work of the Craft, and have enjoyed the pleasant chat with our fellow-scribblers. . . . We trust our Companions will find some pleasure and profit from reading this review ; and it would hearten us much if a word of approbation should come to us." The last words are probably intended for the Companions of Texas ; one Canadian Companion can honestly testify to *his* enjoyment ; the Texans may well say likewise. We suspect that few *read* these reports ; in many cases they miss a "fair treat."

William Madden Fly, Gonzales, Grand High Priest.
T. M. Bartley, Waco, Grand Secretary.

Utah.

The "Baby Grand Chapter" held its Fifth Annual Convocation at Salt Lake City on the 3rd May, 1916. The proceedings recorded are of great interest. Unlike

most Grand Chapters, but like our own, it elected its Grand High Priest to serve a second term. M.E. Comp. Howard Pendleton Kirtley, upon whom the honour of re-election fell, and whose portrait, revealing a man of intellect, is in the front of the ample volume of proceedings, made an able address, from which we make the following quotation: "We have now completed our first lustrum; the time has passed to speak of swaddling clothes and other habiliments and characteristics of infancy; we may still be in our infancy, to be sure, and we remain the "Baby Grand" in the United States, but the Grand Chapter of Utah is now a sturdy youngster, growing lustily, and full of promise for a vigorous and successful future. These are troublous times; the colossal war still moves on its cruel way; in our country we have had, recently, floods and heavy snows, strikes, and disturbances of traffic; on our southern border there is hopeless anarchy, and away off is a strange and not friendly nation reaching out for spoil and power. . . . The Grand Chapter of Utah, however, is at peace with its neighbours and within itself. I call your attention particularly to the fact that it remains a democratic and typically American institution, composed of representatives of the Chapters—yourselves—and not a distant proud autocracy whose arrogant commands are implicitly to be obeyed. . . . I would remind you that in Masonic phraseology the term 'Grand' is applied to one body having others subordinate to itself—a very necessary matter to promote the cohesive character of the institution. But that does not mean that this Grand Chapter proposes to throttle individuality or to overwhelm with regulations its component members. It assumes in no way the imperious and dictatorial character of an aristocracy, but is now, and I hope ever will be, a simple and unpretentious unit in the Masonic fabric."

The Grand High Priest went on to say that the general condition of the Chapters in Utah was good; there had been a small but satisfactory gain in membership; and a new Chapter, under dispensation, added to the roll.

The affairs of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, the Flood Sufferers' Fund ,and the Masonic War Relief Association, were prominent topics in the address.

The Grand High Priest reported that he had visited all the Chapters in Utah, and found them all happy and enthusiastic, ambitious to observe uniformity in the Work and propriety in forms, ceremonies, and usages.

After giving an account of his official acts and decisions and making several recommendations of importance to the Royal Craft, the Most Excellent concluded : "The Grand Chapter of Utah may now be said to be firmly and satisfactorily established; not so substantially, to be sure, as some of its older prototypes, in which the machinery requires only an occasional oiling ; but the time for any anxiety as to our success is now past. Royal Arch Masonry in general continues to be the quiet, solid, sterling institution the Fathers originally designed it to be, and we may feel assured—with the full consciousness that there remains much work yet to be done—that we have now a very certain and definite part in helping to fulfil its destiny."

The report of the Grand Treasurer shewed a small surplus of revenue over expenditure.

The Grand Secretary reported six Chapters on the roll, five chartered and one under dispensation ; total membership, 721 ; net gain in a year, 27.

The Correspondence Report is signed by Comp. A. Scott Chapman, Chairman of the Committee. The first place is appropriately given to the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter. Canada comes in for a double notice—the proceedings both in 1915 and 1916 being reviewed. In the latter, reference is made to a remark of the present writer that the Alberta matter is a godsend to the reviewers. The meaning was that it gave them an interesting subject for discussion—not necessarily an opportunity for denunciation. The paucity of "subjects" is frequently commented on. In their absence, the review becomes a chronicle of small beer. Comp. Chapman's review is

of great merit, if we may say so—it is careful, concise, judicious, and humorous.

Howard P. Kirtley, Boston Building, Salt Lake City, Grand High Priest.

Walter Daniels, Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.

Vermont.

The address of Grand High Priest Harry J. Stannard at the 99th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, held at Burlington on the 16th June, 1916, begins upon a sad note. "A great sorrow is ours," he says. "The man whom we all loved, to whom we all turned for counsel, whose hand was always outstretched to render assistance to a fellow-man, whose very presence was an inspiration, is missing from our meeting to-day. Our M.E. Companion Marsh Olin Perkins has answered the roll-call above."

Comp. Perkins was widely known and highly esteemed. He was Grand High Priest as long ago as 1887, and was for many years the writer of the Correspondence Report of the Grand Chapter as well as of the Grand Lodge of Vermont and other Grand Bodies. This passage from his obituary notice will be read with interest : "To the Masonic world he was known as having attained all the degrees of York and Scottish rites, crowned with high official honours in them all ; versed in both ancient landmarks and modern usage in all the jurisdictions ; an authority in laws and customs; and through his eighty-seven Correspondence Reports for the various bodies of this jurisdiction held in the highest esteem by all the brethren of the 'Round Table ;' yet his honours were borne modestly, his jewels never displayed except when officially required, and his Masonic worth scarce realised even by those who knew him best. But to us as Royal Arch Masons he was not the 'Mason of high degree,' clothed with insignia of rank, nor even the more common 'Past Grand High Priest,' so much as Companion, friend, and counsellor, always receiving the honours paid his rank as not for himself but due the dignity of the bodies which they represented. By nature quick in speech

and sometimes brusque in manner, he was often misunderstood by those who only knew him casually ; but little children loved him, and those who came in personal touch with his life discovered that a tender heart beat within his bosom and counted his friendship as one of their most precious possessions. He was strong in his convictions and earnest in upholding them, which was sometimes made the occasion of bitter criticism ; but none could honestly accuse him of personal bias or wavering from his loyalty to what he believed to be true and just. In his days of school-teaching in the old Green Mountain Academy at South Woodstock and later as principal of the High School at Windsor he was an inspiration to his pupils. As editor of the local newspaper, as custodian of the public library, as town official and legislator—in whatever position became his by election or appointment—he was a tower of strength to any cause of which he became an advocate; and the influence for good which he exerted in public affairs can never be forgotten."

M.E. Comp. Collins Blakely, P.G.H.P., whose death, at the ripe age of 79, is also recorded, was Grand High Priest (Vermont) in 1907. Of him it is said : "Always quiet and unassuming, he never forced himself into the lime-light, but did to the best of his ability such work as was given him to do."

Two better types of the true Mason it would be difficult to find.

Vermont is divided into eight districts with a District Deputy Grand High Priest for each district; district meetings were held during the year, at which the Grand High Priest and the Deputy Grand High Priest or one of them attended ; the work at these meetings is spoken of as being of a high order.

The meeting of the General Grand Chapter, dispensations, decisions, grievances, and other matters are discussed in the address of the Grand High Priest.

"The progress of Capitular Masonry in Vermont during the past year," says the Most Excellent, "has been much greater than is indicated by the net increase in membership, which is only six." One inactive Chapter became super-active. "Taken all in all the

progress for the year is above the average and points to increased efficiency."

There are 30 chartered Chapters in the jurisdiction; total membership, 4,492 ; net gain in a year, 6. There is a substantial surplus in the treasury.

A special committee was appointed "to formulate and carry out such a programme as they may deem fitting" for the celebration in June, 1917, of the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Grand Chapter of Vermont.

The Alberta difficulty is the subject of a long special report of the Committee on Correspondence ; and Grand Chapter resolved (June, 1916) "that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Vermont hereby courteously extends its fraternal recognition to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Alberta, and requests an exchange of Grand Representatives."

The issue being now a dead one, we forbear comment.

The Report on Correspondence was prepared by Kittredge Haskins, P.G.H.P. Naturally, he begins with a tribute to the beloved Companion who for twenty-four consecutive years had written the report to the satisfaction and delight of all who had occasion to read his masterly reviews. With these words we fully agree ; but we wish to add that M.E. Comp. Haskins is also an excellent reviewer. Indeed, his review is one of the best we have seen. We are not able to agree with him about Alberta, but his opinions are courteously expressed, and there is now, fortunately, no occasion for controversy.

James E. Roberts, Burlington, Grand High Priest.
Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Victoria.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of Victoria held a Convocation (the 91st) at Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, on the 21st July, 1915 ; another, on the 20th October, 1915 ; another, on the 19th January, 1916 ; and still another (the 94th) on

the 19th April, 1916. The proceedings at these Quarterly Convocations are printed in red ink in a neat volume, labelled 1915-1916. M.E. Comp. A. T. Holden, Grand Z., presided at all of them, and at the last was re-elected and again installed as First Grand Principal.

At the January, 1916, Convocation, the Grand Z. referred in feeling terms to the deaths of Comps. Allan Baxter, P.G.H., Percy R. Comins, P.G.S.N., and Fred C. Saunders, P.G. Treas. Comp. Comins died of enteric fever while on active military service in Egypt. The Supreme Grand Chapter of South Australia had also lost one of the most distinguished Freemasons Australia had known, Sir Samuel Way, who had presided at the inauguration of the Victoria Grand Chapter in 1889.

At this Convocation the minimum fee for exaltation was reduced from three guineas to two (say $15 to $10).

There are 21 constituent Chapters ; membership on the 31st December, 1915, 973 ; an increase of 57 for the year.

The Grand Z. was of opinion that the Royal Arch degree had not taken the place it ought to in Masonry. Out of some 16,000 Craft Masons in Victoria, a small proportion were Companions of the Royal Arch.

The Revd. A. T. Holden, First Grand Principal.

George L. Marquand, 317 Collins Street, Melbourne, Grand Scribe E.

Virginia.

The Grand Chapter is an ancient one. The Annual Convocation held at Richmond on the 26th and 27th October, 1915, was the 108th. The Grand Secretary, R. E. Comp. James B. Blanks, gives some interesting figures relating to the 20 years of service in that office which he has given to the Royal Craft. In 1896, when he presented his first annual report, there were 34 Chapters and 2,407 Companions, there are now 69 Chapters and 7,593 members. The net gain for 1915 was 252. "To serve you in my humble way during this score of years has been a labour fraught with many loves," writes the Grand Secretary at the conclusion of his report.

At the 1915 Grand Convocation, M.E. Comp. Isaac H. Adams jun., Grand High Priest, presided and delivered an address dealing almost altogether with the business affairs of the Grand Chapter. An interesting item is the contribution of ten barrels of flour to the supplies sent to the Belgian Relief Committee on the Virginia ship. And the address rather remarkably concludes with these words: "I cannot, however, close my report without calling your attention to the condition of our country. While more than half the civilised world is at war, caused by the greed of men, our own country is at peace with all mankind. We pray our Heavenly Father we may, through His help, continue in a state of peace and harmony with all the nations of the earth, and if it is His will we may be used as an instrument in His hands to bring about peace on earth."

The Fraternal Correspondence Report by E. Comp. Joseph W. Eggleston is commended by the Grand High Priest in his address, and, if we may be allowed to say so, we agree that it is both able and interesting, though it contains nothing about our own Grand Chapter except this, in the forefront: "The following are all the volumes which reached our desk, save Alberta, recognition of which Grand Chapter has, so far been held up by nearly all Grand Chapters because of the protest of the Grand Chapter of Canada in Ontario." Happier conditions now prevail. The Fraternal Correspondent then mentions 48 Grand Chapters, whose proceedings for 1914 have reached him, and proceeds with his review, which is admirably thorough and discriminating. His conclusion is certainly noteworthy: "Forty-eight volumes have been reviewed for the benefit of Virginia Companions. Our great regret is that several have failed to come to hand, but our greatest regret is that so many involve fruitless work looking for what is not there. What opportunities Grand High Priests have for impressing themselves on Capitular Masonry! And, alas, how many, content with an unearned jewel, are satisfied with an empty honour! They could, many of them at least, distinguish themselves by some real mental effort in the rich fields with

which they are supposed to be familiar, but, instead, give, in their addresses, nothing but official acts and a mass of figures compiled for them by their respective Grand Secretaries. This is not as it should be. It is ingratitude or laziness."

By a circular letter, we are informed that the 109th Annual Convocation was held in Richmond on the 24th and 25th October, 1916, at which new Grand Officers were elected and installed. We are also told of a gratifying increase in membership from 7,593 to 7,865—a gain of 272.

J. E. W. Timberman, Alexandria, Va., Grand High Priest.

James Braxton Blanks, P.O. Box 55, Petersburg, Va., Grand Secretary.

Washington.

Notable features of the 32nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Washington, held at North Yakima on the 25th and 26th September, 1916, were the tributes paid to a deceased Past Grand High Priest and the conferring of the honorary status of Past Grand High Priest upon the efficient Grand Secretary.

M.E. Comp. Edwin Ross Hare was, said the presiding Grand High Priest (Charles Paine Kimball) of a very lovable disposition and spread sunshine wherever he went. He was born at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, in 1857 ; was Grand High Priest in 1895 ; and died on the 16th July, 1916.

R.E. Comp. Yancey C. Blalock having for 27 years faithfully and honourably served the Grand Chapter in the capacity of Grand Secretary, the title of Honorary Past Grand High Priest was conferred upon him by Grand Chapter, with all the prerogatives of an actual Past Grand High Priest. Congratulations are offered to the Most Excellent Companion, who has also been the Committee on Correspondence for 26 years.

In the address of Grand High Priest Kimball it is said that Capitular Masonry in Washington State has on the whole had a steady growth, though the numerical standing is not what it should be in a prosperous State.

There are 38 Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 4,666 ; gain in a year, 80.

"The friendships and courtesies of life are what make living worth while. I would impress upon the minds of all Royal Arch Masons present our duty in extending the little courtesies of life to all mankind, more particularly to a Companion Royal Arch Mason." These good words are from the conclusion of the Grand High Priest's address.

Comp. Blalock's correspondence report is a concise one. He notices Canada, 1916, however, at considerable length ; and in his conclusion notes the reconciliation of the differences between Canada and Alberta.

Frank G. H. Baker, 207 Twenty-second Avenue South, Seattle, Grand High Priest.

Yancey C. Blalock, Walla Walla, Grand Secretary.

West Virginia.

Prosperity, peace, and progress are the notes of the 45th Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, held in the city of Fairmont on the 8th and 9th November, 1915. There are 40 chartered Chapters and one under dispensation ; there is a total membership of 6,777 ; a gain of 434 members in a year ; and a substantial balance in the treasury.

The address of Grand High Priest William Taylor Workman is almost entirely devoted to the business of the Grand Chapter, and affords no material for comment, unless perhaps in a few words at the beginning : "Great national blessings we have enjoyed to the fullest extent. While other great nations of the earth have been and are now engaged in the most terrible warfare the world has ever known, let us as a nation be thankful that we are not thus engaged, and are living in a land of health, plenty, and peace. God's blessings have been bountifully bestowed upon us as a Grand Chapter . . . during the past year. Notwithstanding the depression of business, industries have been fairly prosperous, and a goodly number have been added to our ranks. No dissensions have occurred, but peace and harmony have prevailed . . .

during the entire year." Comment is perhaps unnecessary.

Albert Bertram Calfee Bray, a successful banker in the city of Ronceverte, West Virginia, was elected to serve as Grand High Priest until the next Convocation, which was to be, and probably was, held at Huntington on the 13th and 14th November, 1916. As yet no report has reached the reviewer's table. M.E. Comp. Bray is presented in the forefront of the volume of proceedings by a portrait and a brief biography.

The Grand Secretary elected in 1914, M.E. Comp. J. N. McConihay, was not re-elected in 1915. Another Past Grand High Priest, D. K. Reed, who had previously been Grand Secretary for a number of years, returned to office.

The post of correspondence or reviewer was also held by Comp. McConihay for one year only. He has produced an able and interesting summary of the proceedings of 53 Grand Chapters. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence for 1915-1916 is composed of Comp. Kephart D. Walker and James A. Bryan.

The volume containing the proceedings at the 4th Grand Annual Convocation came to hand early in January. It is prefaced by a portrait and biographical sketch of the Grand High Priest elected and installed at that Convocation—William Kennon Cowden. He has a keen, intellectual face. He was born in Quaker City, Guernsey County, Ohio, in 1869—he is young as Grand High Priests go. For many years he has lived in the city of Huntington, practising as a lawyer ; he has been eminently successful, and has gained for himself a rare reputation for honesty, energy, and fair dealing. An active Mason, he has not hitherto held high office.

The Grand Chaplain, Bishop Gravatt, welcomed the Grand Representatives of Foreign Jurisdictions, and in doing so used words which we think worth quoting : "Masonry in all its branches has a mission to the world, and I believe I am right in saying that its mission was never more needed than to-day. The same human feelings are as strong in the hearts of men as they were

in days gone by ; and perhaps, amidst the rush and turmoil of life, the need of Brotherhood is stronger than ever before ; as the world grows larger and its temptations and discouragements increase, the real need of sympathy in the stress of every day affairs grows greater ; and it is here we may be of real help to our Brothers by doing our part to uplift humanity and to meet the conditions of the 20th century."

Grand High Priest Bray, in the beginning of his address, referred to the passing of two Past Grand High Priests—William George Bennett (1886-7) and Neil Robinson (1894-5).

The system of inspection of the subordinate Chapers was referred to by the Grand High Priest as unsatisfactory ; but no action appears to have been taken.

There are now 41 chartered Chapters and two under dispensation ; total membership, 7,133 ; increase in a year, 439.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is a brief one ; it hails from the sanctum of M.E. Comp. Kephart D. Walker, P.G.H.P., whose accompanying portrait reveals the face of a thinker. Canada, 1916, receives due mention.

Many will agree with Comp. Walker's remarks upon the form and function of such a report. We give his own words : "When I was notified of my appointment as the one to prepare a review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters, I accepted with many misgivings. My idea of such a review being somewhat at variance with those usually published, I consulted a considerable number of prominent members of this Grand Chapter as to what, in their opinion, such a review should consist of ; the result was that I in a measure changed my plan and adopted that which, in the opinion of my older and wiser Companions, was what was needed. I have made no lengthy extracts from the eloquent addresses of Grand High Priests. I have offered no criticisms upon their decisions, nor offered any opinion thereon. I am not the spokesman of this Grand Chapter, and my opinion is worth no more than that of hundreds of other members of this Grand Body, if as much. I have made no comment upon the proceedings of the Grand Chap-

ters, the presumption being that they, like our own, do that which they deem best for the Craft, and do not care what other people think of it. I have simply collected such decisions and information as would be of service to this Grand Body, thus embodying my own views and following the suggestions of those 'who are older than we' and certainly 'far wiser than we.' "

W. K. Cowden, Huntington, Grand High Priest.

D. K. Reed, Clarksburg, Grand Secretary.

Wisconsin.

The Journal of Proceedings at the 66th Annual Convocation, held at Milwaukee on the 15th and 16th February, 1916, lies before us—a record of prosperity and substantial progress. The address of the retiring Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Walter A. Clark, contains only one thing which may be regarded as of special interest to the Masonic public outside of Wisconsin. The Grand High Priest, having, as he said, the time, the inclination, and the opportunity, visited during his year of office every subordinate Chapter in the State—eighty-seven chartered Chapters and two under dispensation—an unusual achievement, of which he may well feel proud. He states : "I think that the visit of the Grand High Priest at each Chapter has been highly appreciated and very beneficial ; it has seemed to give a new impetus to many Chapters, and revived the interest in Royal Arch Masonry throughout the State." In closing his address, he said that his year of service had been a most wonderful year to him.

The report of the Grand Secretary shewed a membership on the 1st January, 1916, of 12,062—a net gain of 384 during 1915.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, Aldro Jenks, was elected and installed as Grand High Priest.

The report of the "Committee on Obituaries" differs little in its make-up from similar reports of other Grand Masonic bodies. Sometimes we have "Necrology," instead of "Obituaries," but the matter is much the same. We should like to see the prose platitudes and effusions in verse on the subject of death abolished, and

a simple record substituted. The supply of doggerel verse suitable for quotation seems to be inexhaustible. Take this as an example :—

"Those we love can never perish,
"They at most but disappear,
"And their memories we cherish,
"While unseen we feel them near."

A reviewer is perhaps in danger of considering the Report on Foreign Correspondence the most important part of the annual proceedings of a Grand Chapter. The rest is more or less statistical and usually is dry reading. The bright reviewer ranges over a large number of topics and does much to enliven them. M.E. Comp. Samuel Wright, the Wisconsin Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presents an attractive report covering 87 pages. A good deal of attention is given to the Grand Chapter of Canada and to the Alberta difficulty ; we forbear reference to this now dead issue.

This Grand Chapter, like our own, meets early in the year, and the proceedings reviewed are consequently those of 1915—in some cases even of 1914.

Aldro Jenks, Dodgeville, Grand High Priest.
William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

Wyoming.

This Grand Chapter is young and as yet not strong in numbers ; but the officers seem to be vigorous in understanding and purpose ; and the report of the proceedings at the 8th Annual Convocation, held at Casper on the 9th March, 1916, is in excellent shape and well worthy of perusal.

There are 12 subordinate Chapters ; membership, 996 ; net gain in a year, 46.

Grand High Priest Charles H. Townsend welcomed the members of the Grand Chapter, and made a brief address in which he recounted his official acts and stated that he had "visited every Chapter in the State, which is no small job in itself, on account of the great distances I had to travel to do so." No new Chapters, he said, had been organised, but the membership had

increased, and he had "not found anything to mar the peace and harmony of the Jurisdiction."

The Grand Secretary, Adrian J. Parshall, P.G.H.P., in his report, says : "Our prospects for the coming year are very encouraging, more so perhaps than for many years past."

Comp. Parshall is also the reviewer; his work covers the doings of 56 Grand Chapters, of which Canada (1915) is one. Of our own Comp. George J. Bennett he says : "The Capitular world can ill afford to lose so bright a light in the field of correspondence"—a sentiment echoed by all the scribes of the Round Table and fully shared in by the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada. The Wyoming reviewer has been at great pains to select the best things from the material in his hands ; we have derived much entertainment and instruction from perusing his review.

Samuel Corson, Cheyenne, Grand High Priest.

Adrian J. Parshall, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary.

Conclusion.

With the dread din of war ever in his ears, the reviewer has completed the peaceful task assigned to him, and submits the result to his Companions with some misgivings, but yet with the consciousness that no effort has been spared to present what is most notable about each Grand Chapter in turn. Towards the close of the last century, the Law Courts in the Strand, London, England, were completed, and, in anticipation of the formal opening by the Sovereign, an address from Her Majesty's Judges was prepared for presentation. The draft contained the words, "Conscious as we are of our own imperfections ;" which Lord Justice Bowen, whose polished shafts of satire so often hit the mark, suggested should be amended to, "Conscious as we are of *each other's* imperfections." The scribes of the Round Table, as the reviewers in the different jurisdictions are often termed, are a band of amiable brothers ; each professes admiration and esteem for the work of the other ; if he is

conscious of imperfections in the other, he manages to conceal his consciousness. Some reviewers are specially marked for praise, and among these is our able and distinguished brother and predecessor George J. Bennett—still alas ! with the stroke of illness heavy upon him. Something has been said, in one of the foregoing notices, of the temptation, to which a reviewer is subject, to regard the Correspondence Report as the chief part of the proceedings of a Grand Chapter, and to give it most of his attention. The present reviewer has, he thinks, successfully resisted that temptation ; and, if his notices are often dry and merely statistical, he hopes to be accorded the indulgence usually given to one striving to do his duty. Often he would rather stray into the fertile fields of random remark than tread the hard highway of facts and figures—but duty is his watchword !

In the proceedings of the many Grand Chapters of the States of the American Union there may be found references to the Alberta difficulty. But, as that has been happily settled, mention of it in this report has in most cases been omitted.

Such of the reviewers as have had under consideration this scribe's first report (1916) have made kindly comments upon it, for which he is grateful. One remark of his has been misinterpreted. There is certainly a plentiful lack of good "subjects" for discussion ; and the Alberta difficulty, while deplored by all, was a "godsend" in the sense that it afforded "copy." A railway disaster is so regarded from a newspaper standpoint.

Other topics much discussed are the war (of course), the Masonic War Relief Fund, Belgian Relief, the George Washington Masonic Memorial, the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and the conduct of the Grand Chapter of Scotland in invading the Philippines.

We have recorded whatever we could find about Masonic Homes and Masonic Charities. Much is being done by our United States Companions in creating, endowing, and supporting them—a noble work indeed.

It is a matter of regret that we have so few reports from the Grand Chapters of the British Empire—and that such reports as we have do not give us much information of the kind that our American Companions put into our hands.

But, taking the reports by and large, they are gratifying in the extreme. They make one feel that Royal Arch Masonry is doing really good work for humanity.

We have no report from the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

On the next page will be found a list of the Grand Chapters whose proceedings are reviewed—there are 51 of them. In several cases two years' proceedings are covered. Under "England and Wales," a brief notice is given of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons—no Grand Chapter report has been received.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD B. BROWN,

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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